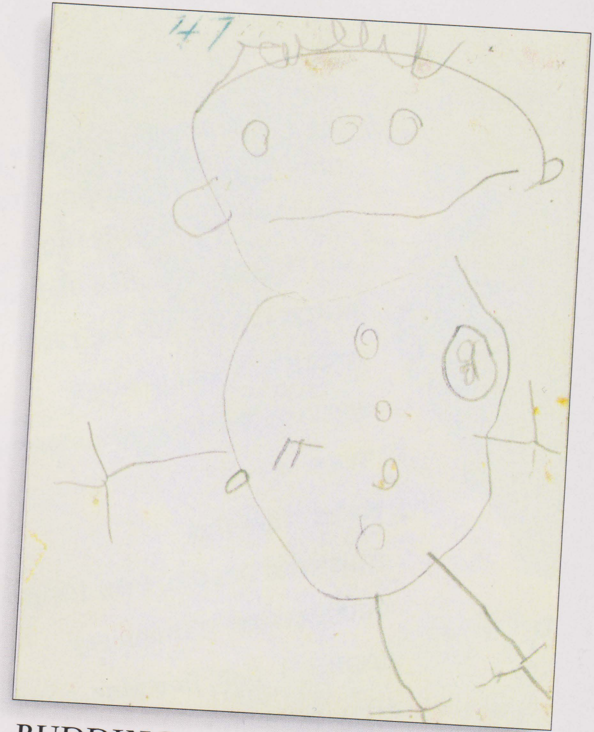
GARFIELD CLASSICS
Same great books! Great new look!

THE EVOLUTION OF JIM DAVIS
A FAN-MADE COLLECTION OF LOST MEDIA
ARCHIVED AND RESTORED BY QUINTON "REVIEWS" HOOVER

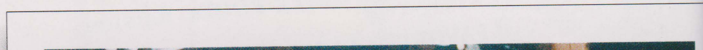
OH, BABY!

Jim grew up on a farm in Fairmount, Indiana (birthplace of actor James Dean!), where his family raised Black Angus cows . . . and twenty-five assorted cats.

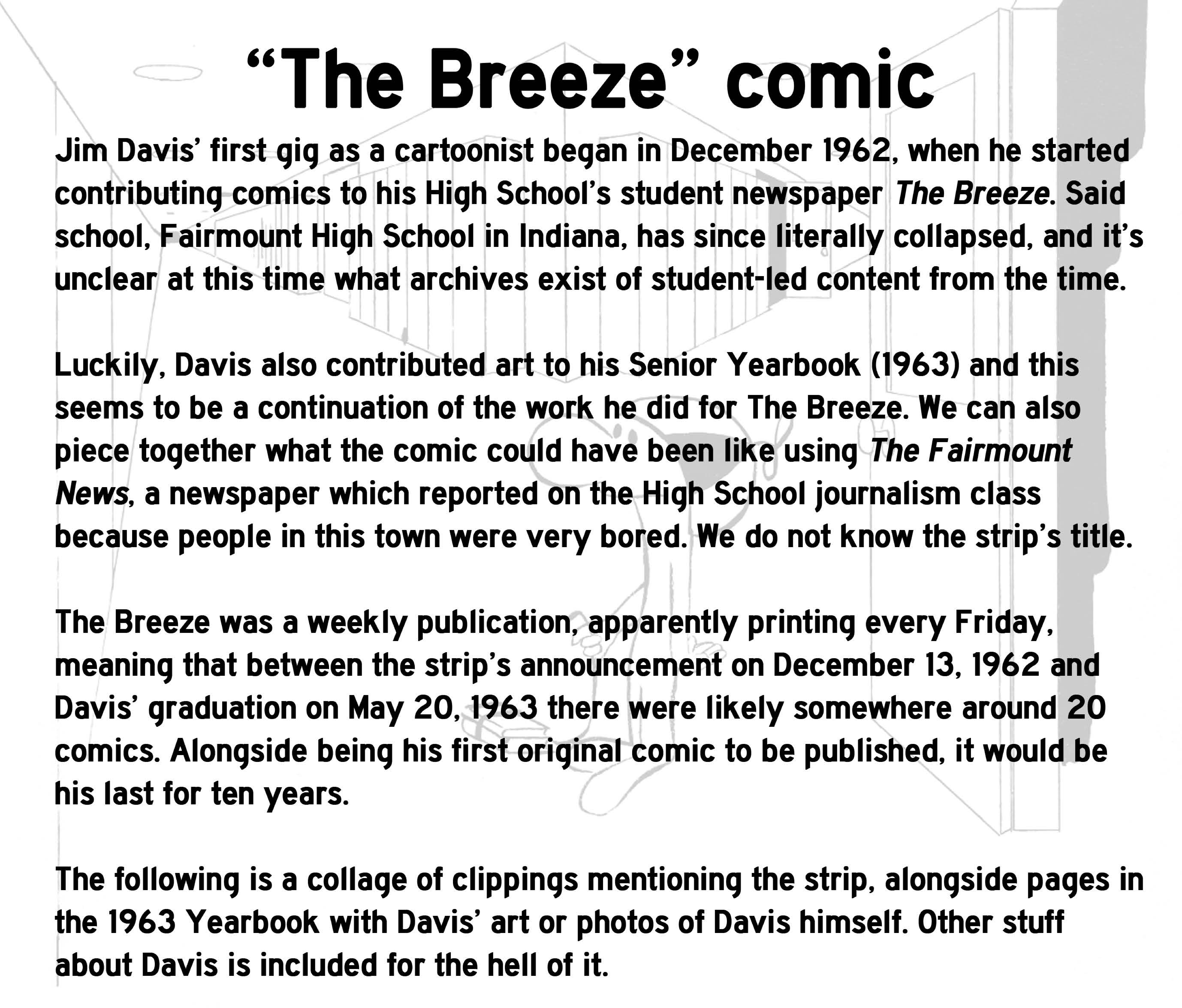


BUDDING ARTIST

An early drawing by Jim, age two.



“The Breeze” comic



Jim Davis’ first gig as a cartoonist began in December 1962, when he started contributing comics to his High School’s student newspaper *The Breeze*. Said school, Fairmount High School in Indiana, has since literally collapsed, and it’s unclear at this time what archives exist of student-led content from the time.

Luckily, Davis also contributed art to his Senior Yearbook (1963) and this seems to be a continuation of the work he did for The Breeze. We can also piece together what the comic could have been like using *The Fairmount News*, a newspaper which reported on the High School journalism class because people in this town were very bored. We do not know the strip’s title.

The Breeze was a weekly publication, apparently printing every Friday, meaning that between the strip’s announcement on December 13, 1962 and Davis’ graduation on May 20, 1963 there were likely somewhere around 20 comics. Alongside being his first original comic to be published, it would be his last for ten years.

The following is a collage of clippings mentioning the strip, alongside pages in the 1963 Yearbook with Davis’ art or photos of Davis himself. Other stuff about Davis is included for the hell of it.

NEW BREEZE STAFF

LOOKING OVER THEIR first edition of this year's **BREEZE**, which begins its 25th year at Fairmount High School, are (left to right) Feature Editor Lee Anne Titus, Editor Tim Selby and Assistant Editor Patsy Allison. Other members of the staff include David Vogel, sports editor; Bob Fox, assistant sports editor; Winnie Clement and Linda Davis, assistant feature editors; Janet Stutsman and Mary McCracken, activity editors; Peggy Harvey and Barbara Powers, copy editors; Joe Lawson, business manager; Pat Evans, assistant business manager; Ed Hayes and Jim Curless, advertising managers; Margaret Kientz and Beth Winegardner, exchange editors; Jerry Brewer, Gary Haisley and Patty Mason, circulation managers; Patryce Gaddis, filing editor; and Pat Hanlon and Jim Davis, proof editors. Fred Wood is the faculty advisor.

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JR. FIRE MARSHALS GIVE CHRISTMAS TIPS TO PARENTS

Do you want your children to have a Merry Christmas?

Jim Davis, advanced art student and member of the Journalism class is going to prepare a cartoon for the remaining Breezes this year.

The main characters in his cartoon will be Herbie, a freshman. Jim says he is an example of a "Typical greenie". Herman will represent the seniors.

Jim plans to be an art teacher in the future.

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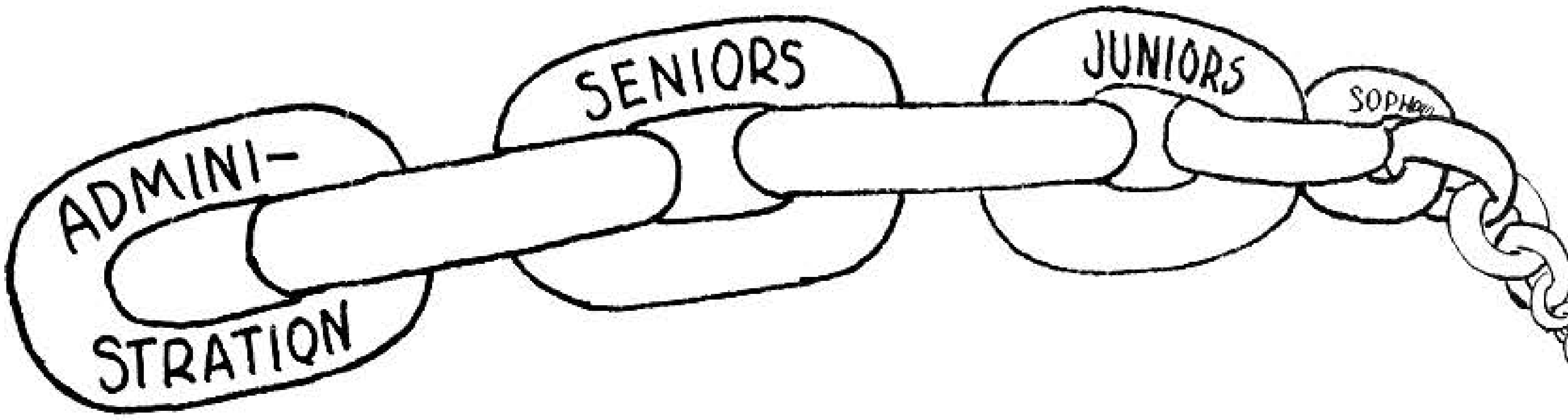
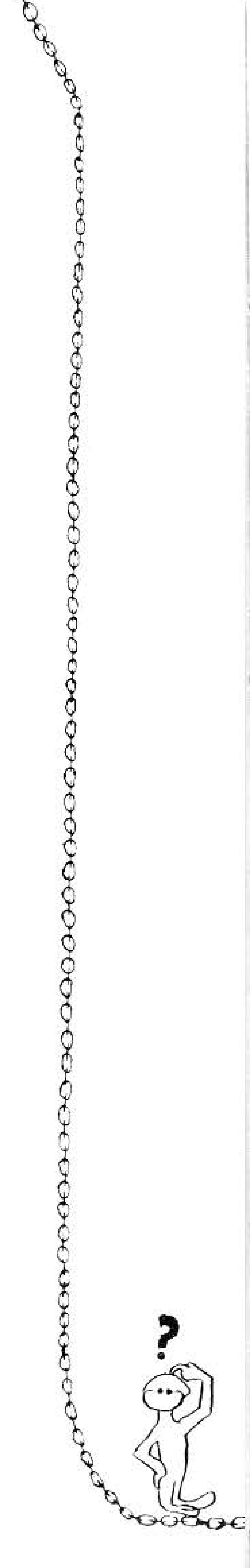
Jim Davis' - picture p. 18.



Foreword

The teachers, the students, the activities of the past year, the many graduated classes of Fairmount High School have forged the links of the lengthening chain of events which make up our school's history. Now our Senior Class has added another link in that ever-growing chain. In the following pages of the 1963 Whirlwind, we have attempted to preserve the fond memories we have all experienced during this school year. We hope that our fellow students enjoy this yearbook as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Jane Ann Payne
Editor



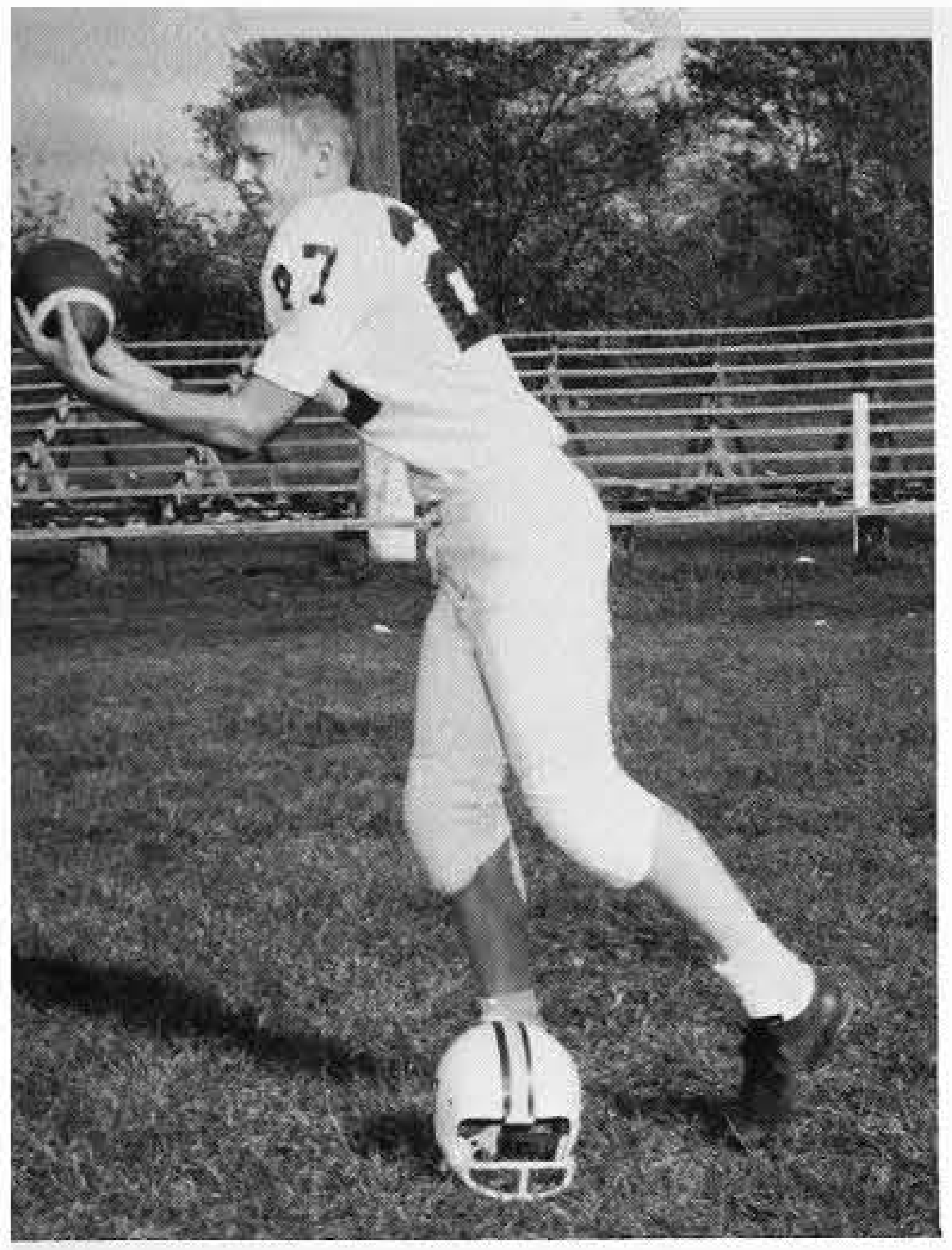
19 Class Officers 63

President, Denny Rautenkranz; Vice-president, Jim Davis; Secretary, Winnie Clement; Treasurer, Tim Selby; Social Chairmen, Peggy Harvey, Gary Haisley.

JAMES ROBERT DAVIS "Jim"

If this lad develops his artistic skill,
His drawings will take care of any big
bill.

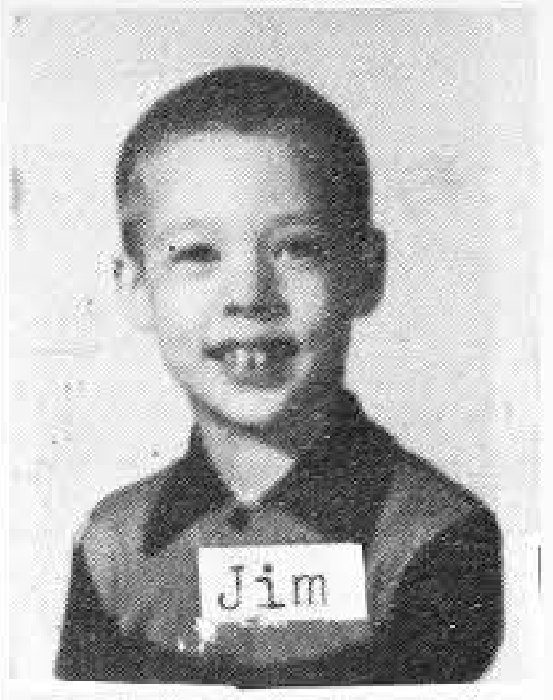
F-Club 3,4; Thespians 2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 4; Science Club 3; N.F.L. 3,4; Jr. Bowling League 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Breeze Staff 4; Whirlwind Staff 4; Scholarship Jacket 4; Class Plays 2,3,4; Class Officer 3,4; Boy's State Alternate 3; Speech Club 2,3,4; Art Club 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance Award 3; Christmas Ball Attendant 4.



Jim Davis (2)

"Camel" played primarily at the offensive end position. He was a fine blocker. He was self-sacrificing, a trait worthy of his fine attitude. Jim exemplifies those characteristics which make for ideal sportsmanship.

Boys' State



Jerry Brewer - '62
Jim Sparks - '63
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Honor Society

MEMBERS

Peggy Harvey
Jerry Brewer
Janet Stutsman
Jim Davis
Mary McCracken
Rae Lee Adams
Tim Selby
Beth Anne Winegardner
Pat Hanlon
Steve Buckman
Phil Sicks
Margaret Kientz
Winnie Clement
Becky Davison
Jane Ann Payne
Jim Sparks

OFFICERS

Sponsor: Mr. Wood
President: Jerry Brewer
Vice-president: Tim Selby
Secretary: Lee Anne Titus
Treasurer: Mary McCracken
Std. Coun.: Denny Rautenkranz
Social Chairman: Jim Davis

Christmas Ball Court

Mary Jane Roe
Jim Davis
Bonnie Leisure
Ronnie Snipes
Patsy Milligan
Gary DeDecker

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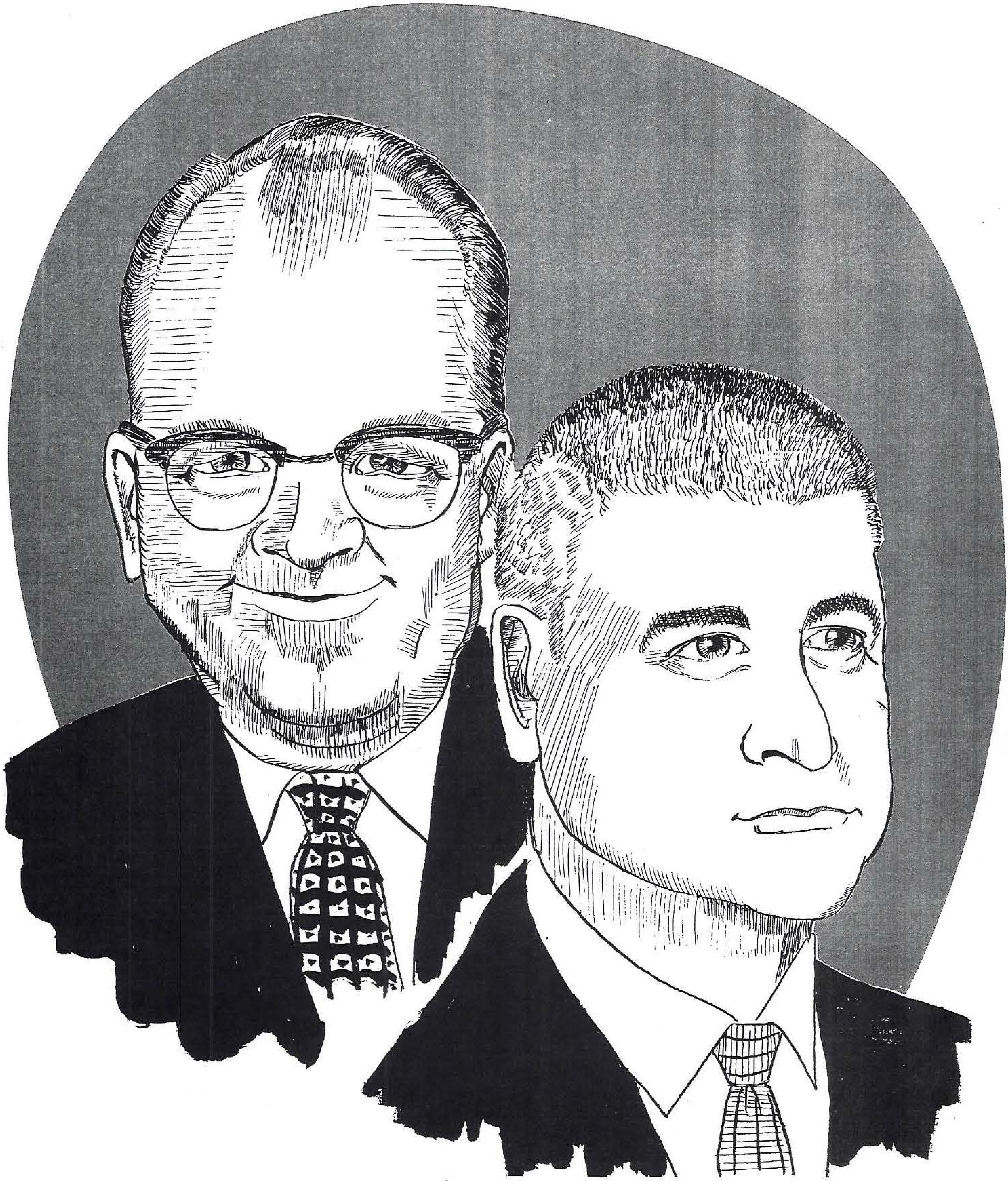

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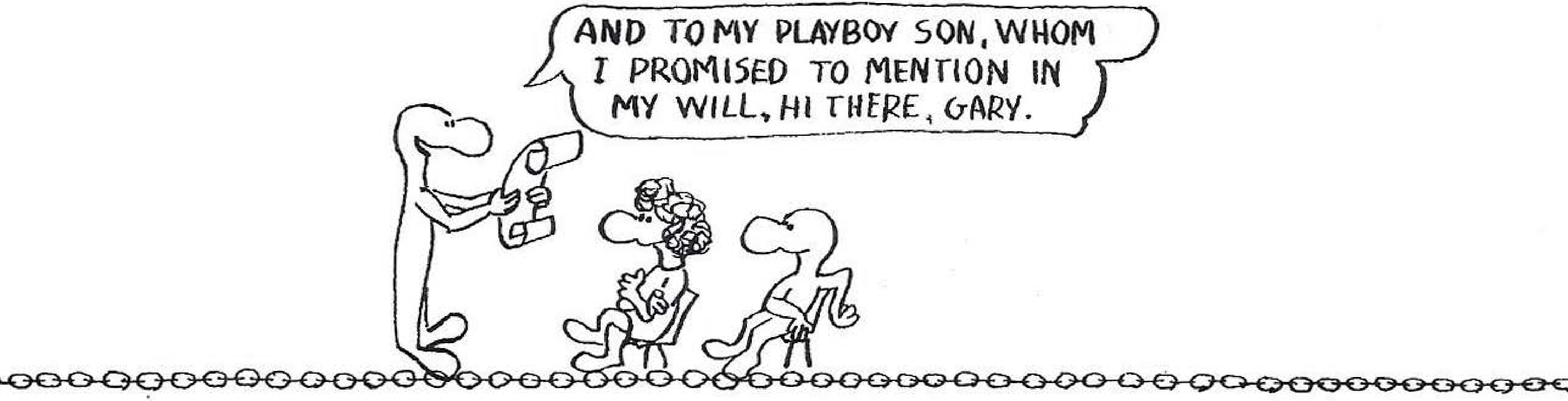
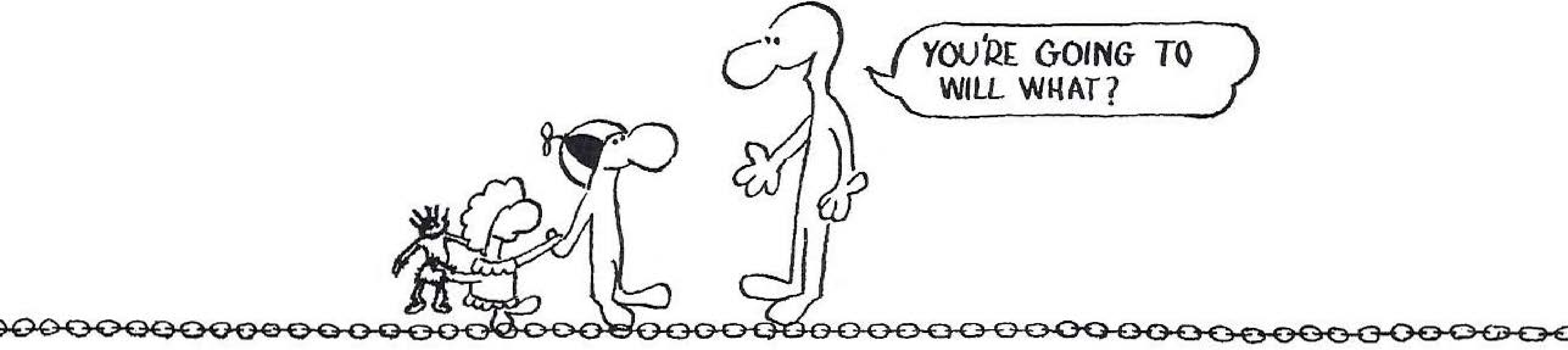

AND TO MY PLAYBOY SON, WHOM I PROMISED TO MENTION IN MY WILL, HI THERE, GARY.

THIS WAS PRINTED WITH THE YEARBOOK'S SENIOR WILLS. IT IS THE OLDEST JIM DAVIS COMIC WE HAVE A COPY OF.

FOR THOSE OBSESSED WITH DATES, THE YEARBOOK WAS RELEASED ON MAY 21, 1963.

SENIOR WILLS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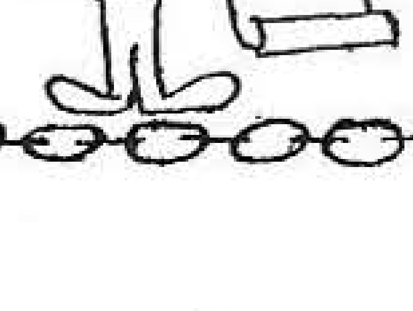

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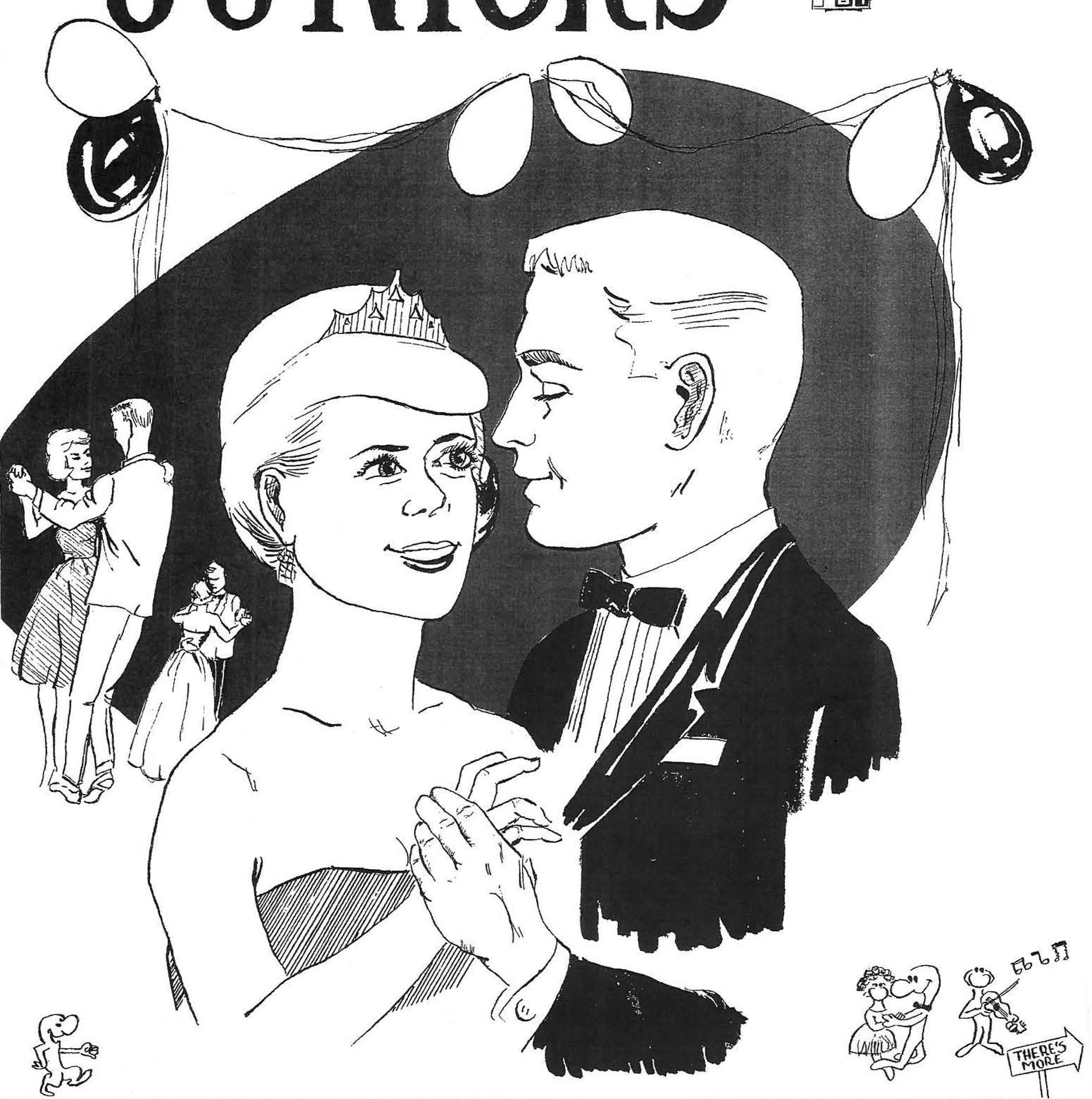

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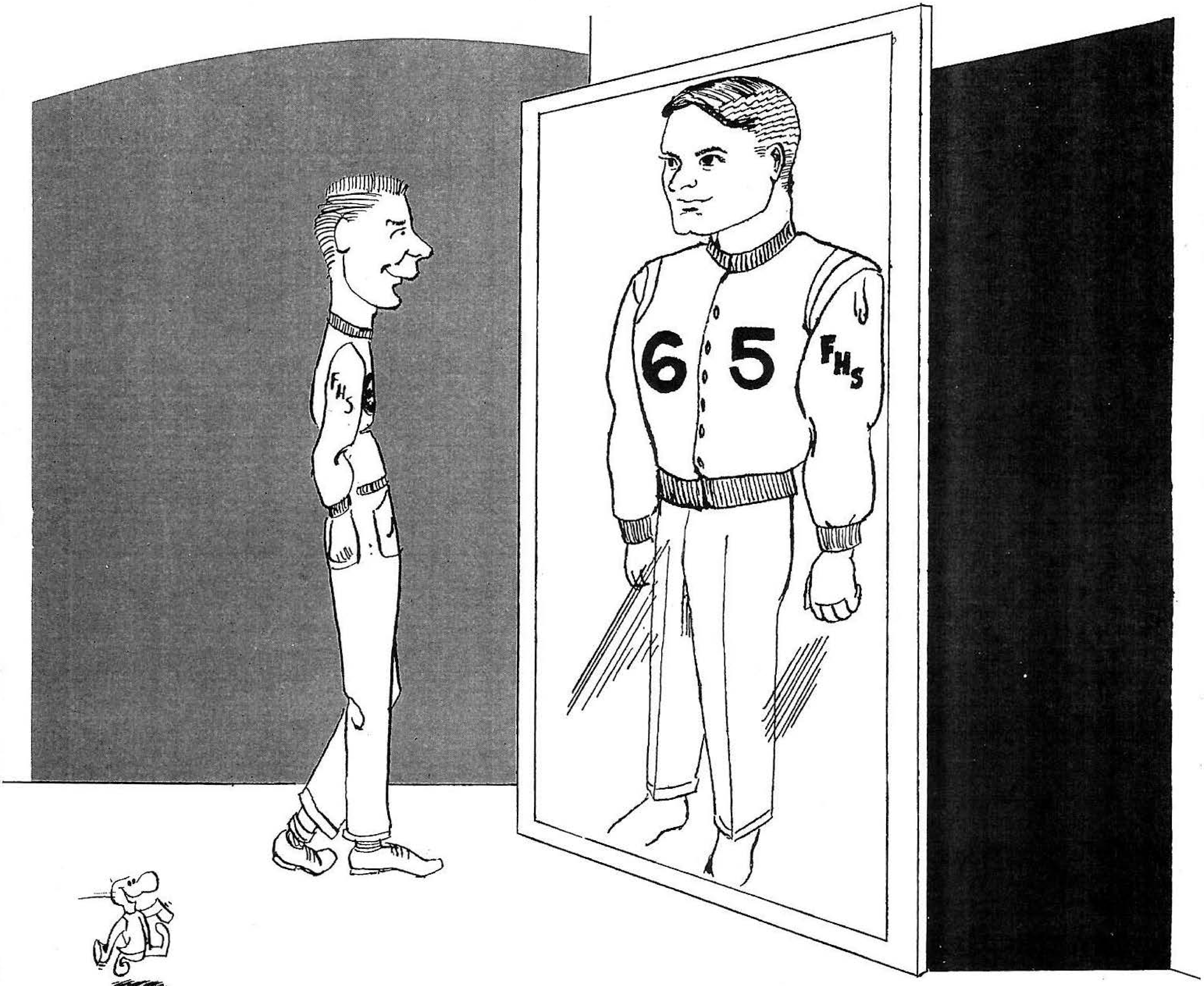

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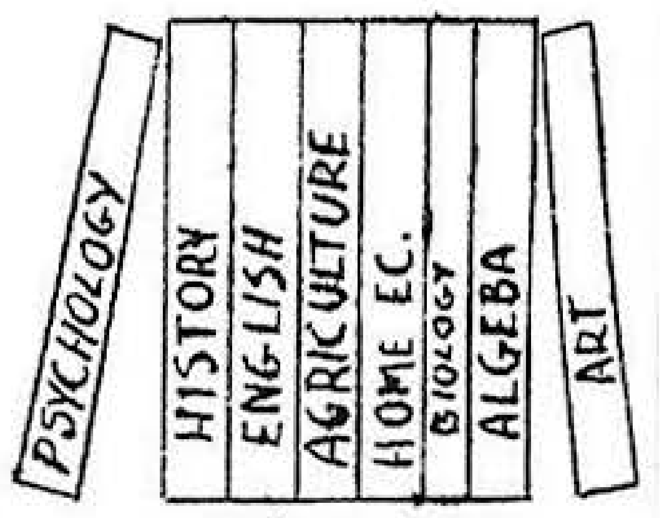
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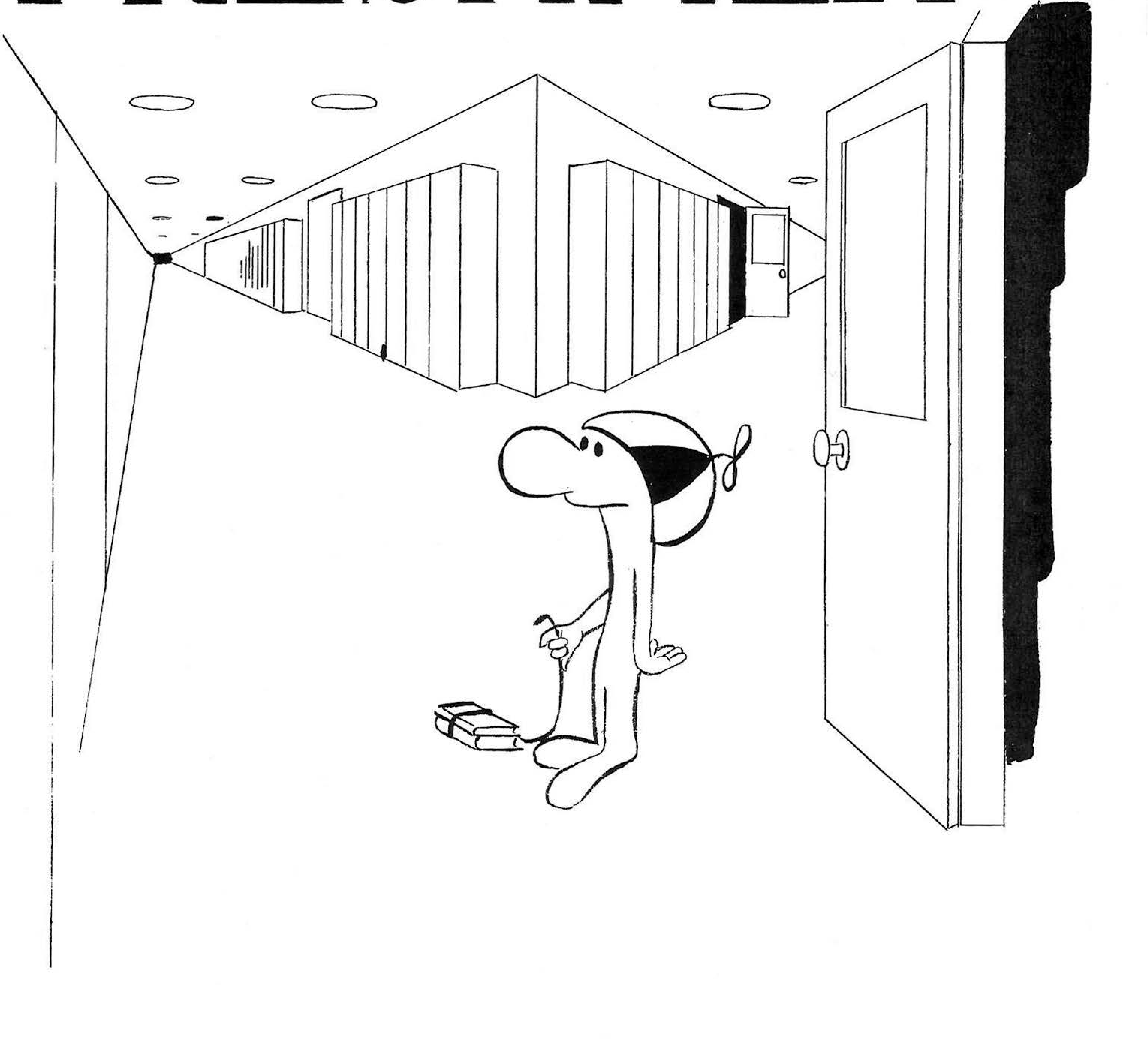

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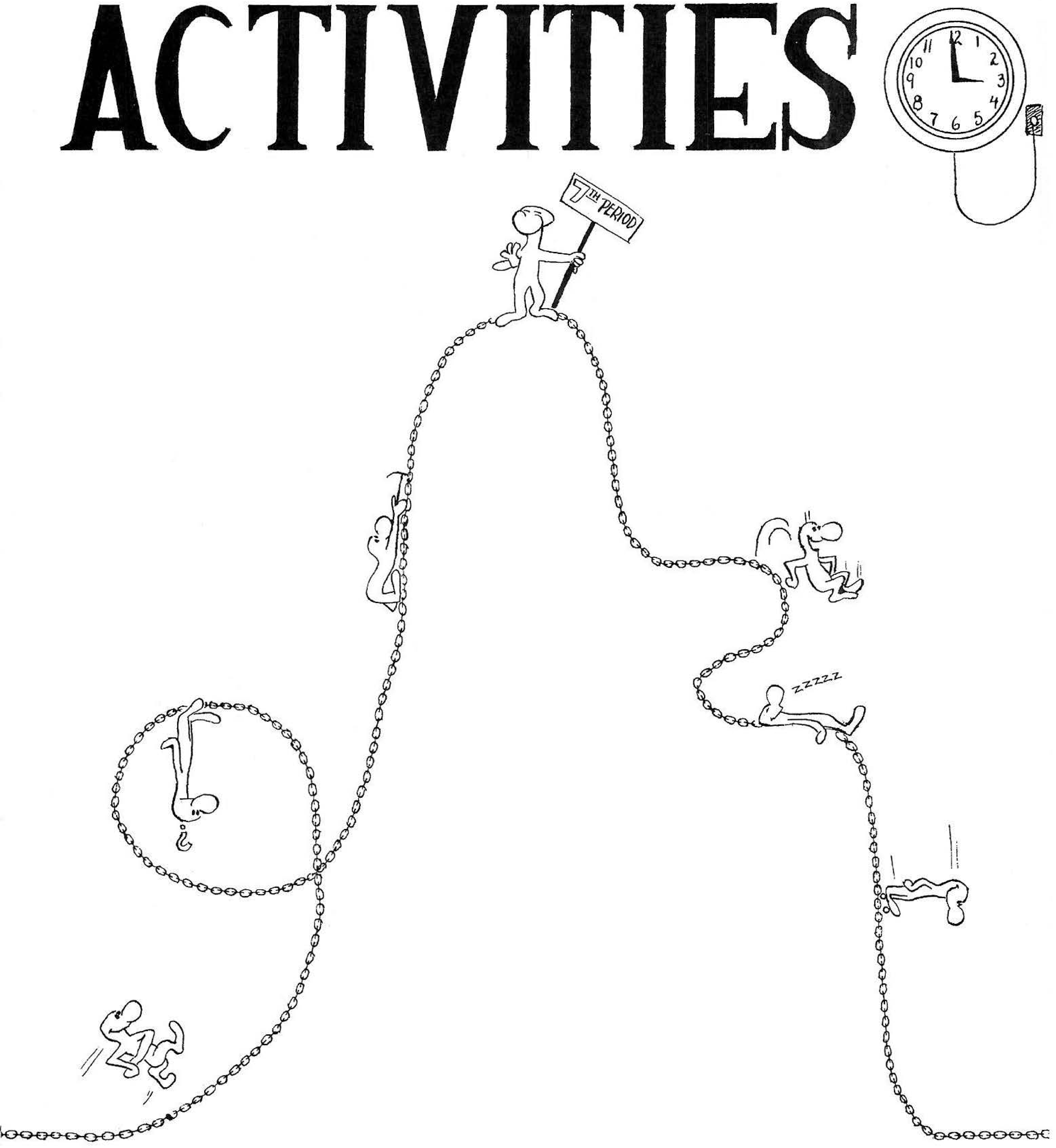

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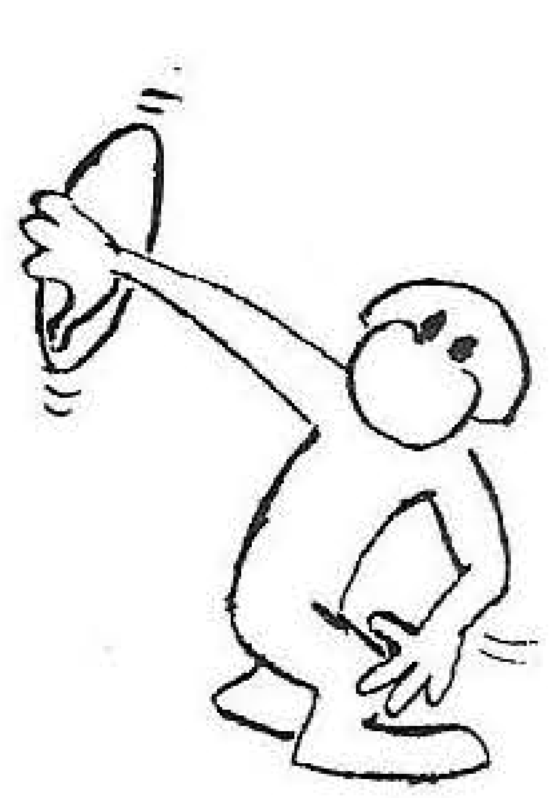

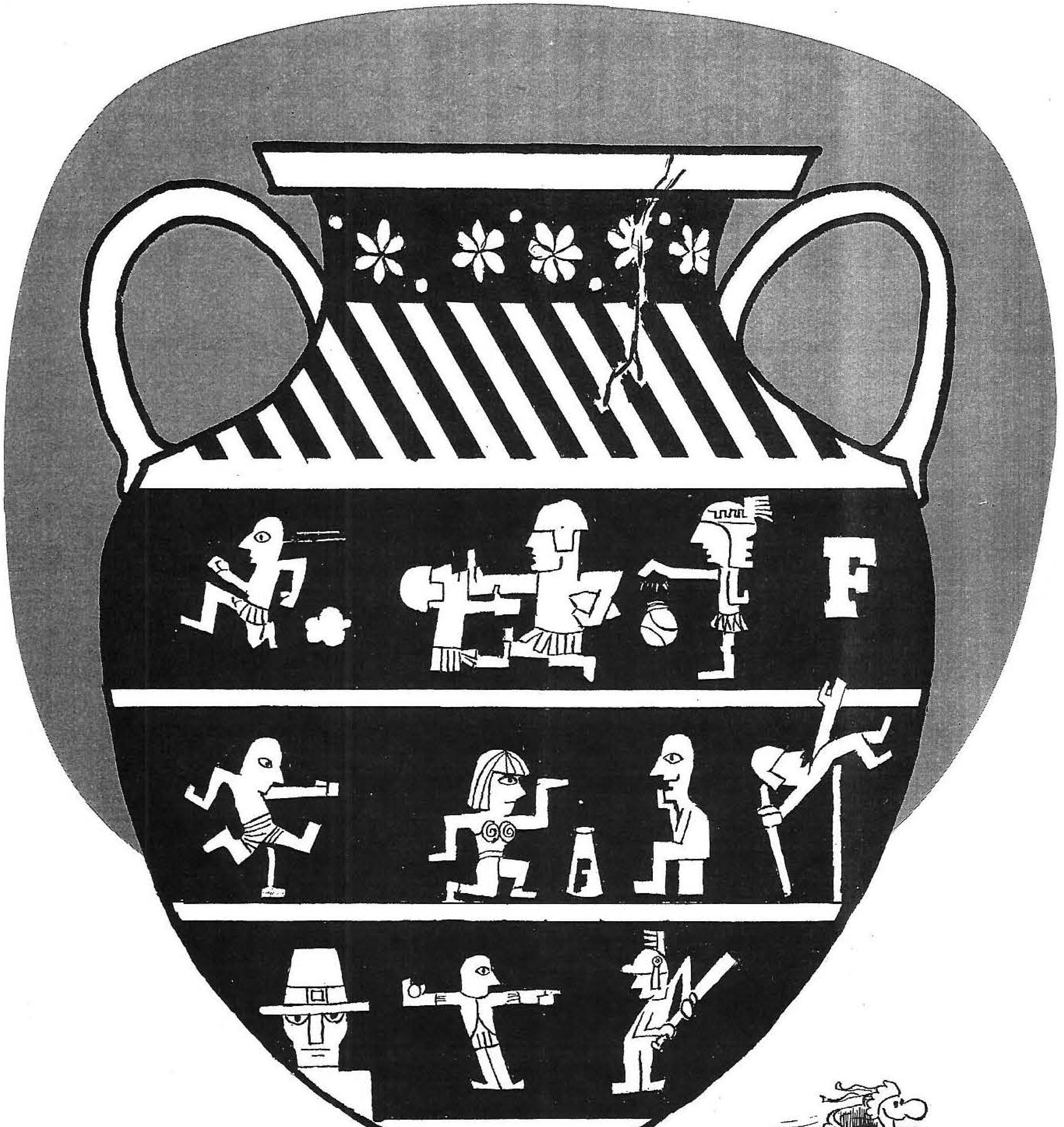

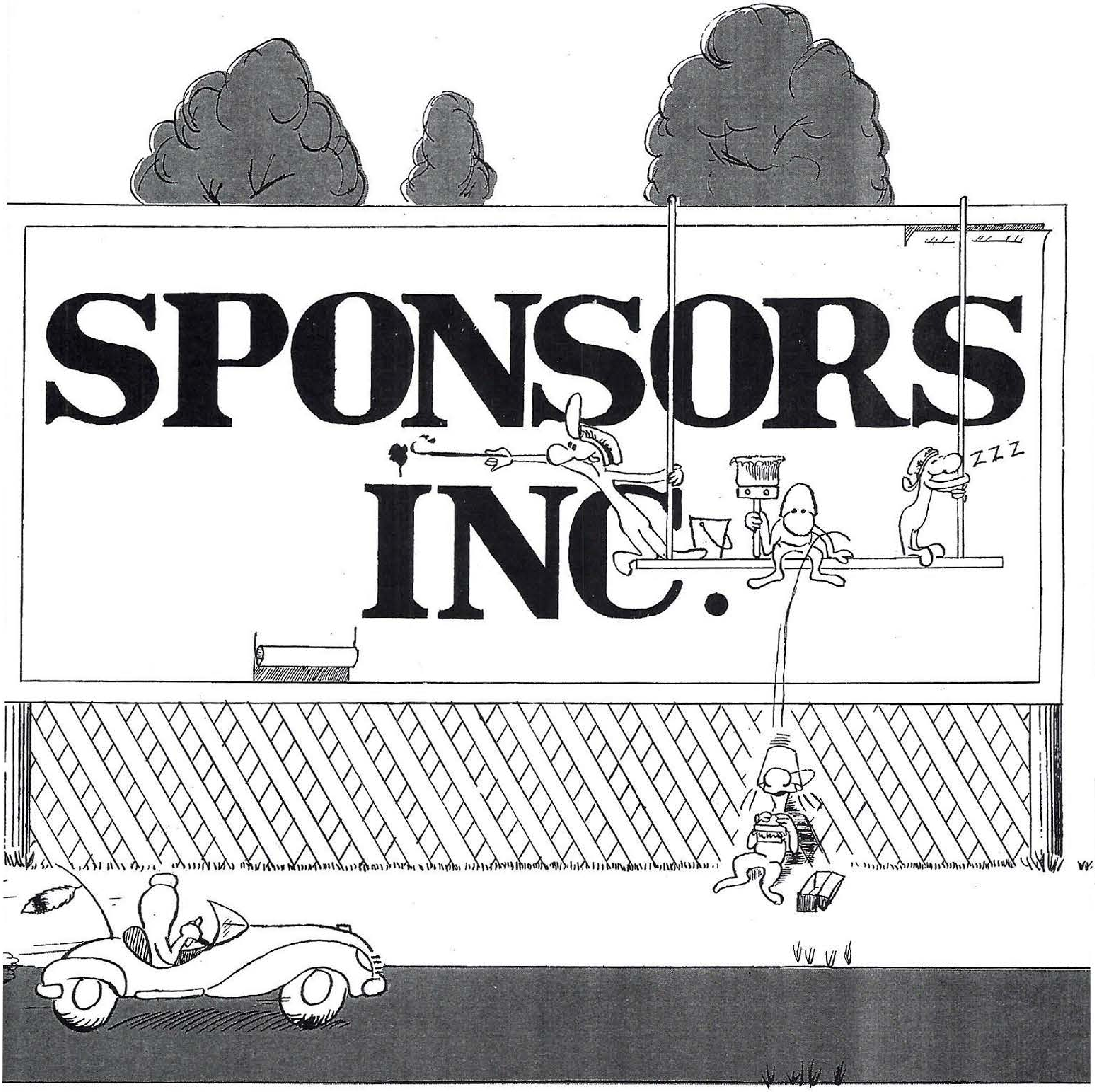
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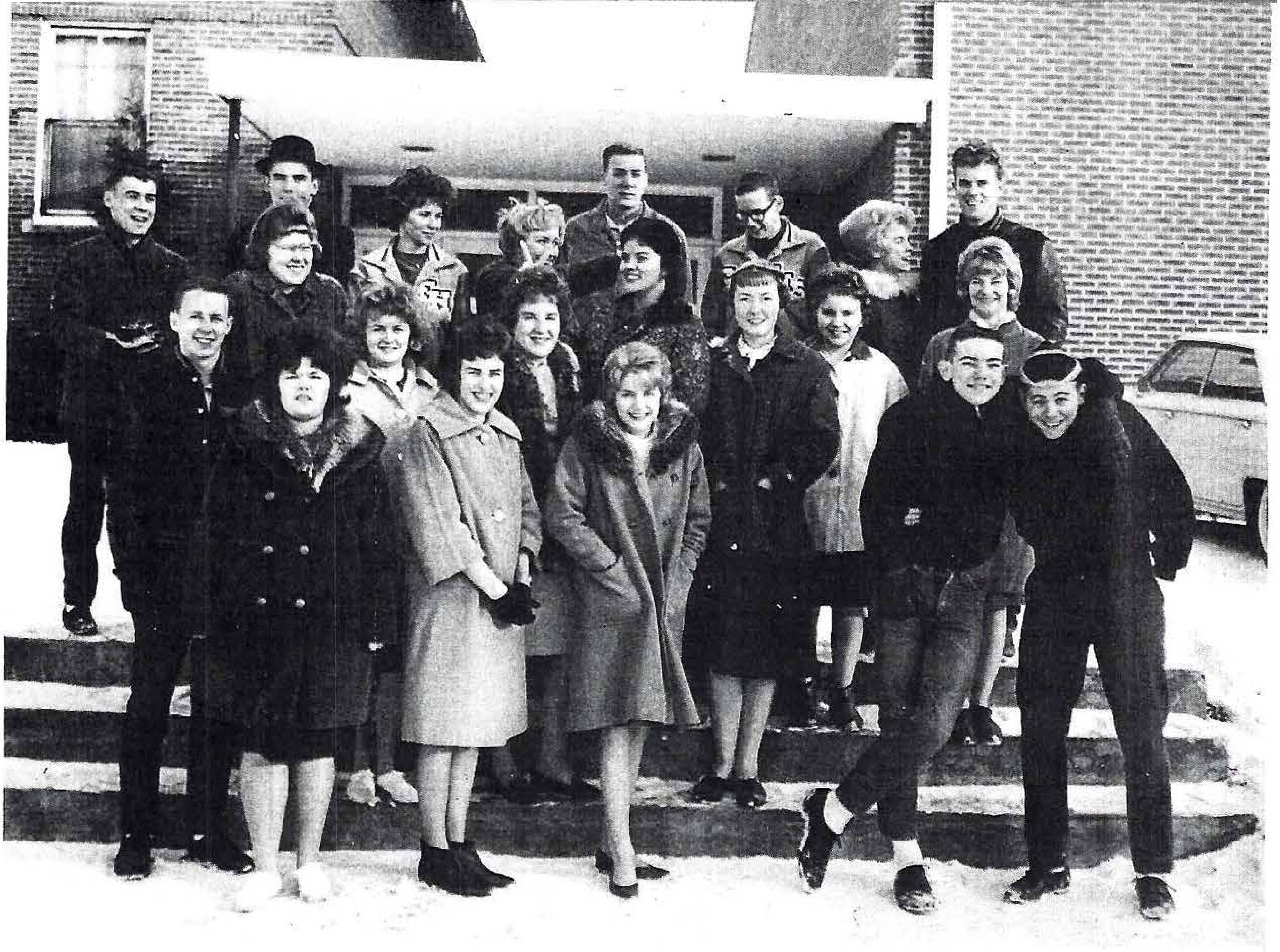

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Assistant Sports Editor
Advertising Manager
Assistant Art Editor
Class Editor
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Assistant Snap Editor
Business Manager
Assistant Advertising Manager
Subscription Manager
Copy Editor
Assistant Art Editor
Assistant Copy Editor
Assistant Art Editor
Snap Editor
Art Editor

Tim Selby
Jane Ann Payne
Lee Anne Titus
Patsy Allison
Pat Evans
Ed Hayes
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Peggy Harvey
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Patryce Gaddis
Jim Davis

Breeze

Editor

Feature Editor
Assistant Editor
Business Manager
Sports Editor
Assistant Sports Editor
Advertising Manager
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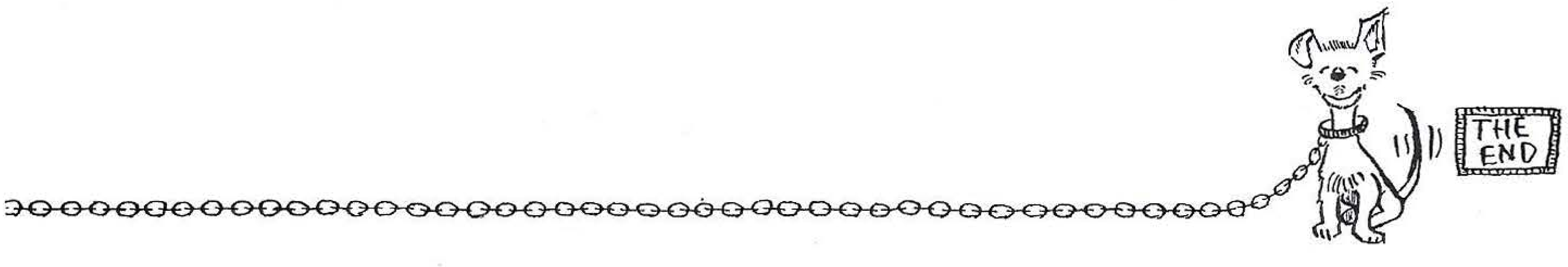

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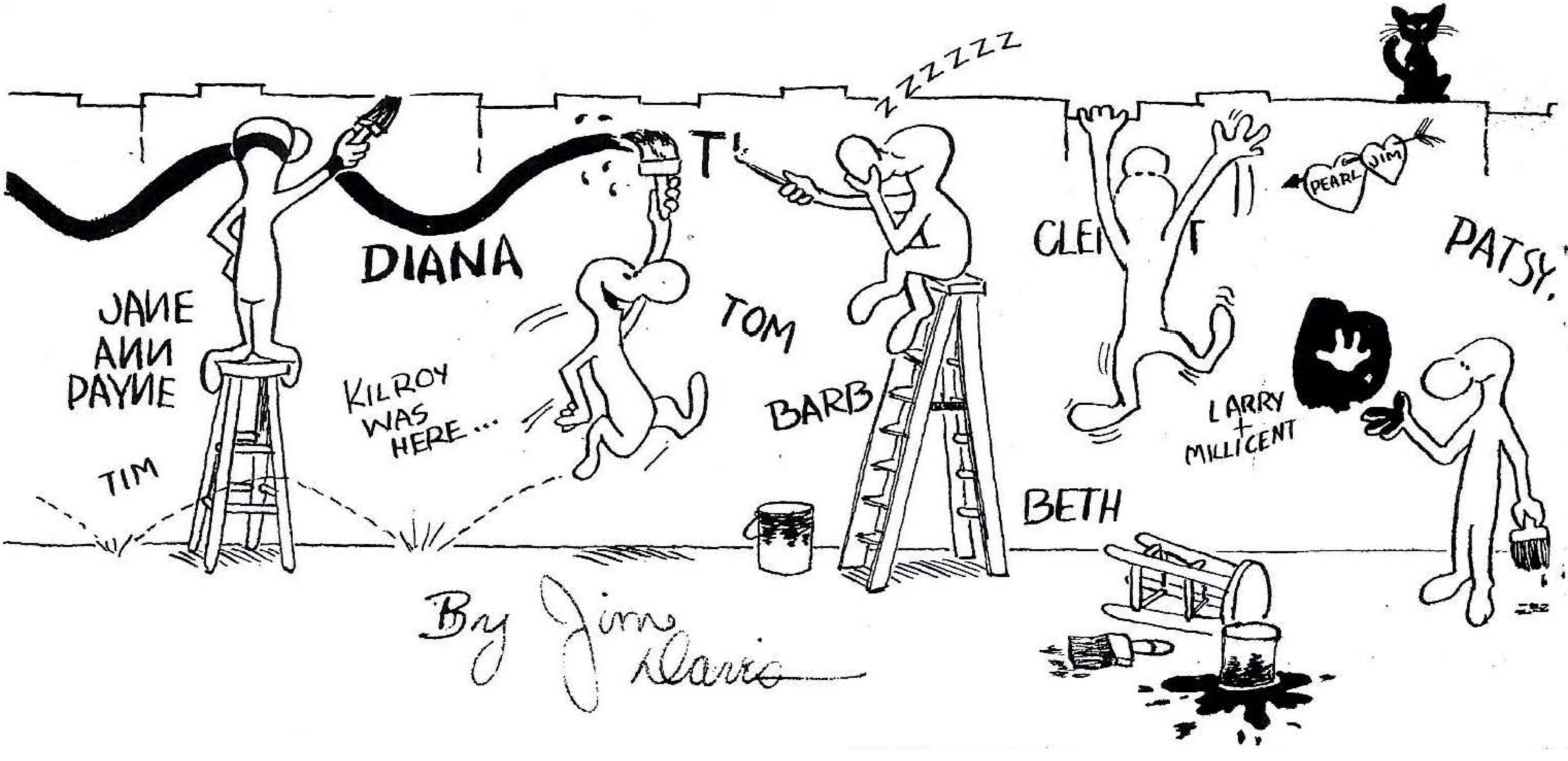

By Jim Davis

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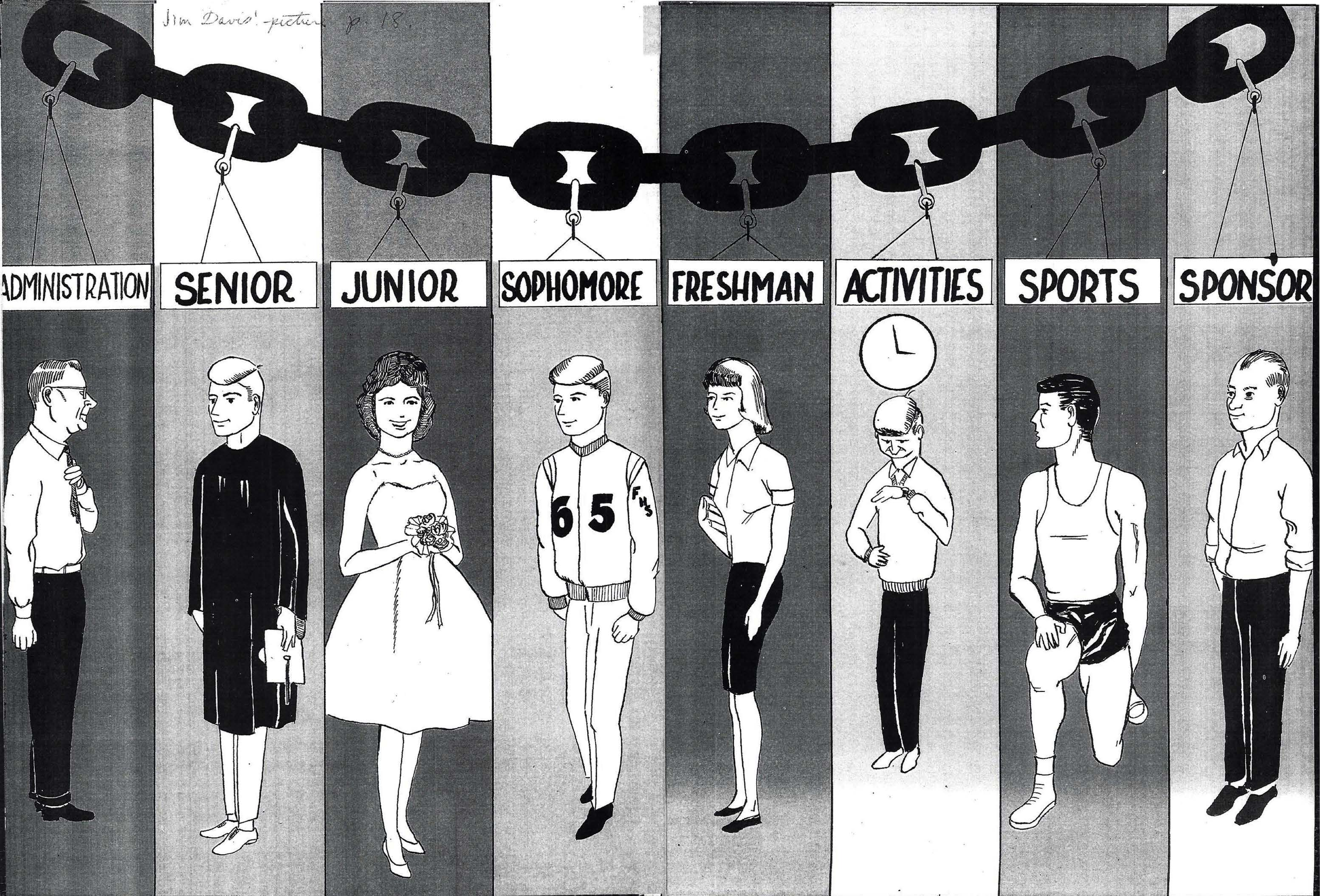

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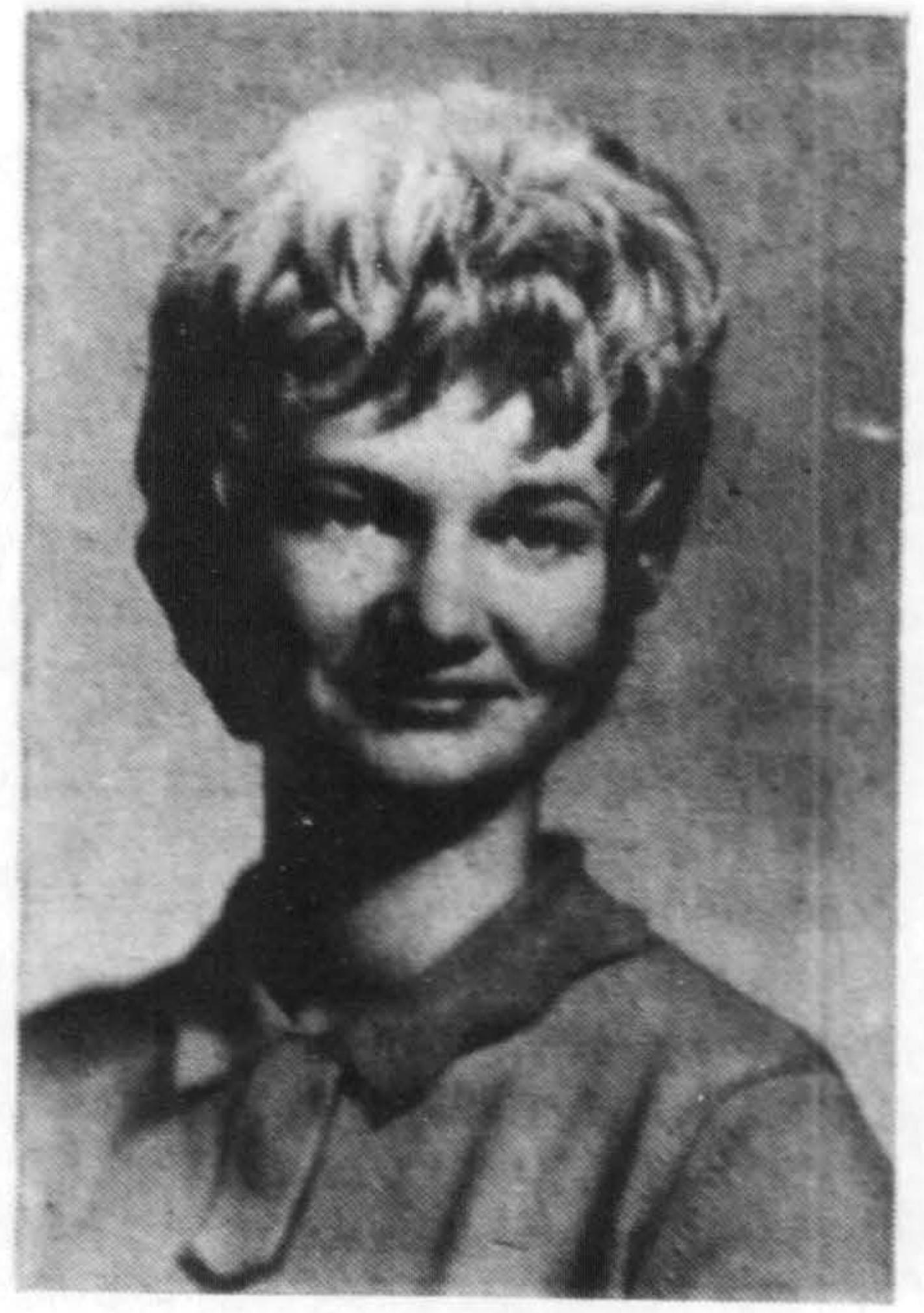
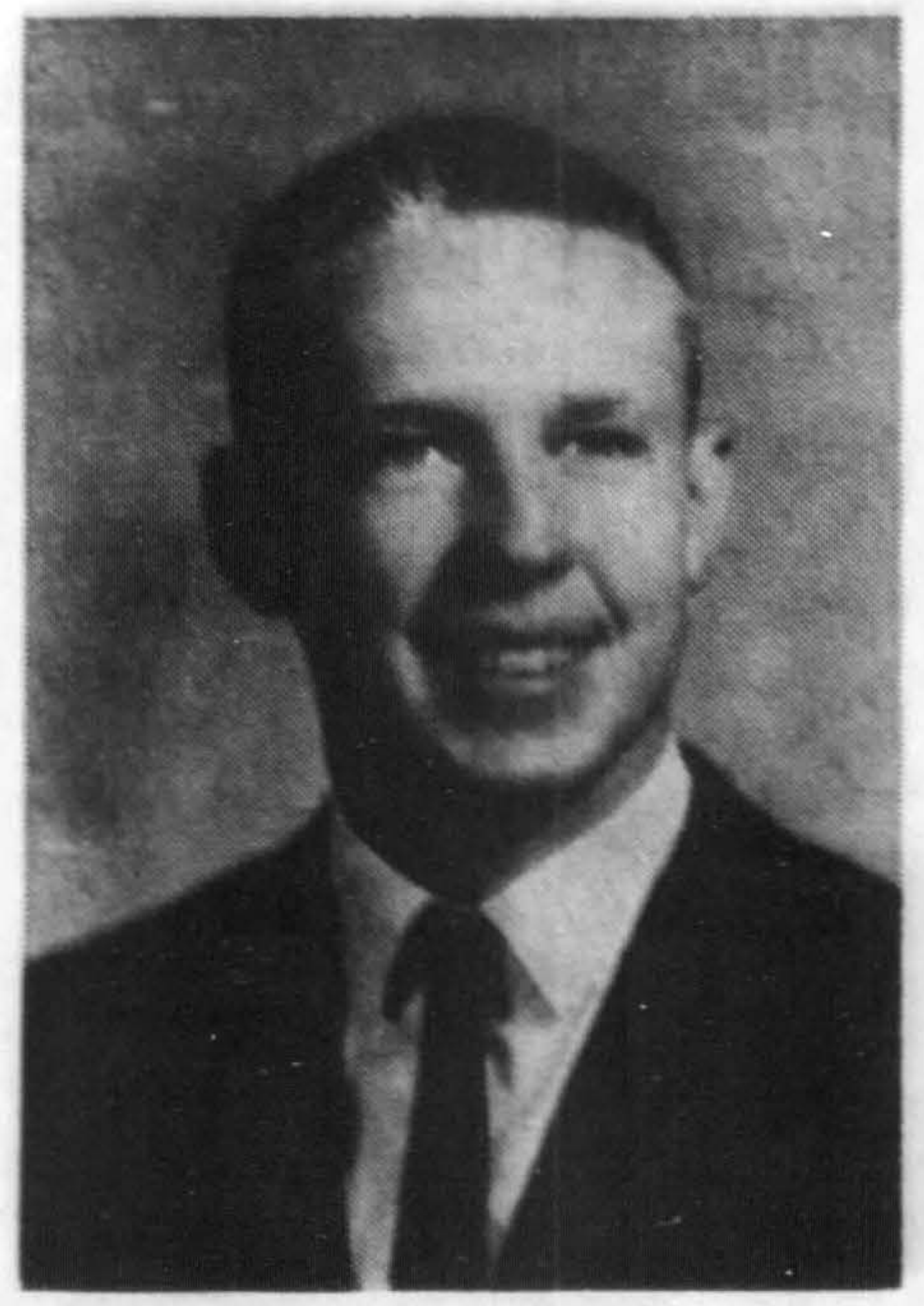


PEGGY HARVEY
Salutatorian
F. Stanton Galey Memorial
scholarship

MARY McCRACKEN
English
Valedictorian
Earlham College scholarship

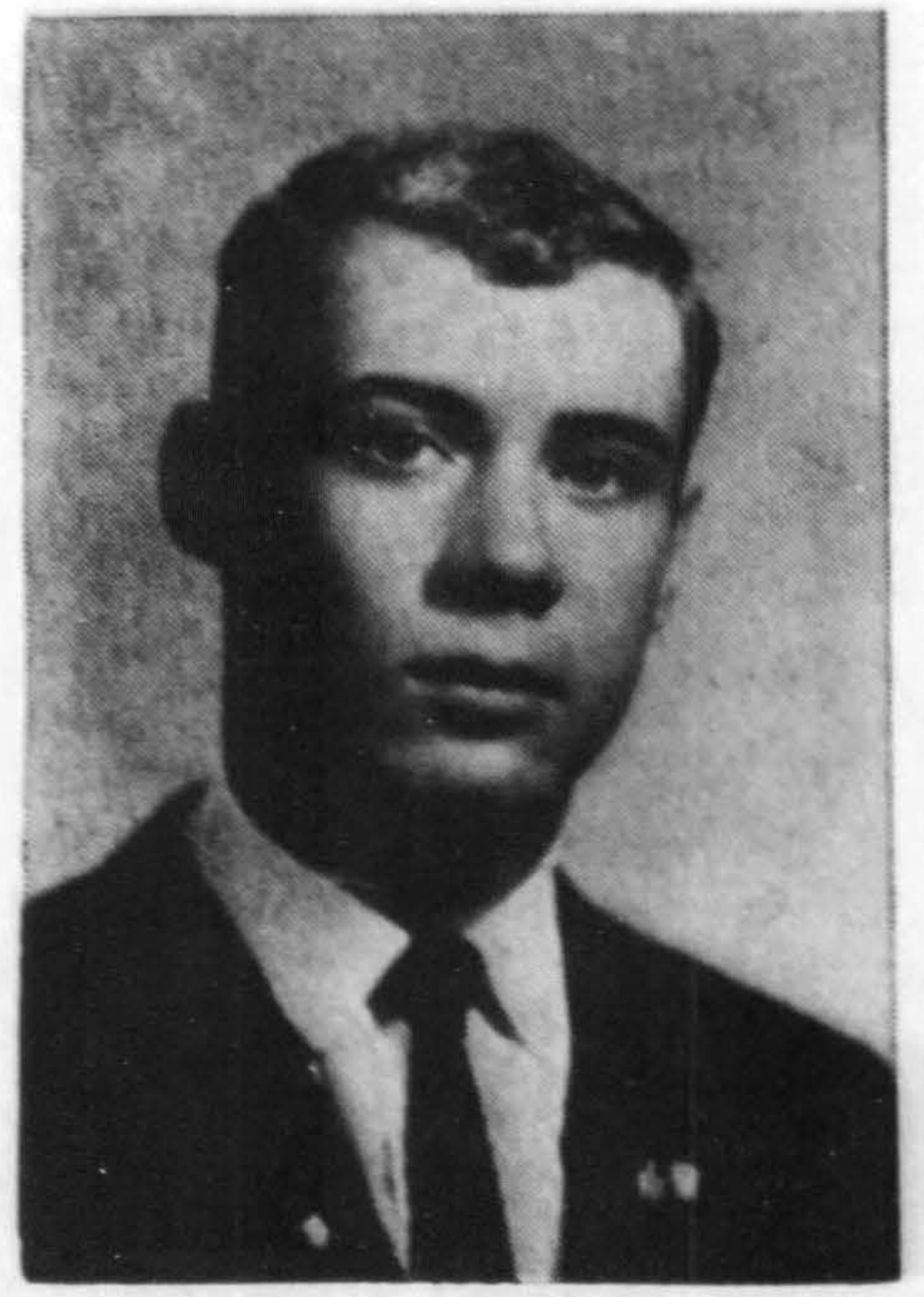
DAVID VOGEL
Science

BETH ANNE WINEGARDNER
Home Economics



JIM DAVIS
Art

JANE ANN PAYNE
Editor of Yearbook



JERRY BREWER
Dramatics

RIGDON — Graduation for 65 Seniors was held Monday evening May 20, for the Fairmount High School, 1963 Commencement held in the school auditorium.

Superintendent P.A. Smith presented the diplomas to each graduating Senior.

Dr. Merrill B. McFall; pastor of the First Methodist Church at Columbus, Indiana was the guest speaker. He graduated of Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois, was awarded his Doctor of Divinity degree from the DePauw University, and is a trustee of the latter institution.

Awards and scholarships were presented by the principal John R. Davison. They were as follows- Departmental awards- Garry DeDecker agriculture; Jim Davis, art; Jerry Brewer, dramatics; Mary McCracken. English; Tim Selby, social Studies; Beth Anne Winegardner, Home Economics, Dennis Routenkranz, Mathematics; and David Vogel, science.

SCHOOL NEWS

The class officers for the 1963-64 school year were chosen during home room Wednesday.

The Class of '64 elected James Sparks, president; Phil Sicks, vice-president; Patty Ancil, secretary; Becky Davison, treasurer; Susan Bunch and Larry Thurman, social chairmen; John Bagley, student council; and David Bennett, historian.

The Class of '65 elected Jerry Collins, president; Steve Martin, vice-president; Margie Brewer, secretary; Joe Kimes, treasurer; Nancy Fansler and Wayne Winans, social chairmen; and John Selby,

surer; and Cathy Curless, student council.

Mr. Wood has announced next year's publication staffs Mr. Fox, of the Del Mar Printing Co., will be here Monday, May 20, to talk to the new Whirlwind staff about the 1964 book.

The two staffs are as follows: editor of Breeze, David Bennett; assistant editor, Jim Sparks; copy editor, Phil Sicks; proof editor, Rae Lee Adams; feature editor, Hannah Kientz; sports editor, Marvin Brewer; activities editor, Nancy Meadors; exchange editor, Linda

Several of the Seniors of 1963 have made definite plans for their future. Some of these plans include further schooling, while others expect to get a job after graduation.

Jerry Brewer, Lee Anne Titus, and Jim Davis are going to attend Ball State Teachers College.

Those going to Indiana University are Patsy Allison, Denny Rautenkranz and Jane Ann Payne.

Patryce Gaddis, Winnie Clement,

College

Davis originally planned to become an art teacher, a passionate dream he held for years. However, he eventually pivoted away from teaching and into business. This would give him the background he needed to eventually create and run Paws INC. During this period of his life, I discovered he did very little public art. Most of the Ball State clippings you'll see here revolve around him trying to run for political office on-campus, relevant to us because it documents his friendship with Lyman Kerkhof. Davis also, at one point, wrote a letter to the editor of the college paper with a self-portrait, which was included in the issue from September 26, 1966.

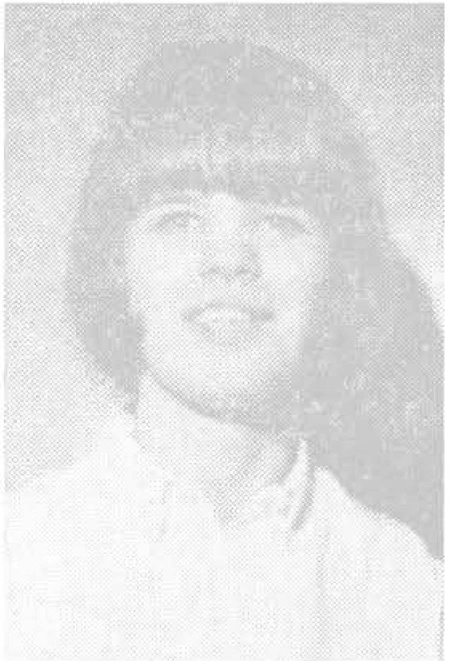
Candidates makes bids for office

BSU politicians offer party view

JIM DAVIS, Fairmount junior, is USA's candidate for vice-president of the student body. Davis has served as student body treasurer, secretary of Blue Key, vice-president of his fraternity and vice-chairman of USA. The candidate commented that if elected he would be a coordinator of the newly-formed judicial board. "It is evident that the judicial board is an issue that stands as a prominent pillar of student participation toward which I sincerely intend to expend all my energies."

JIM NIEMEYER, Fort Wayne junior, is UPP's candidate for vice-president. Niemeyer has served as chairman of Student Senate External Affairs Board, Rules Board Chairman, UPP Chairman, and ASG Regional Conference Chairman. "I firmly support all the planks in the UPP platform. I firmly believe that the student has an opportunity in this election to vote not only for qualified candidates but also for an active representative political party," stated Niemeyer.

MYRA MIDDLETON, Highland freshman, is running for recording secretary of the Student Association on the USA ticket. She serves as assistant copy editor for the Ball State NEWS, secretary of her sorority pledge class, an ORIENT copy assistant and on her residence hall cultural committee. She feels that, "Effective communication between the Association, student body and faculty is essential to the success of any government action."



BEV HUBBS, Camby junior, is running for re-election as recording secretary of Student Senate on the UPP ticket. She has served as vice president and rush chairman of her social sorority and is recording secretary of Student Senate. Miss Hubbs feels that "good communication between Senate and the University is important and if elected, I plan to work toward increasing the efficiency of the office."

SHARON WATSON, Huntington sophomore, campaigning for corresponding secretary of Student Senate under USA, has been on the publicity committee for the Miss Ball State Pageant and the decorations committee for Homecoming. Miss Watson stated that "through the office of corresponding secretary, I would promote publicity of Student Senate in order to make Ball State's student government more meaningful to the students."

LYMAN KERKHOF, In
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candidate for senator
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ate, Freshman Senate com
and hall council. Kerkhof
tained "if elected I intend
rect my energies toward
tion of more effective
representation which can
stituted through positive,
sive senate legislation."

E'S WHERE WE'LL BE'' — These two Ball State University n language students have been awarded Fulbright Study s for overseas study during the 1966-67 school year. Alice Elaine Byrum, left, Lynn senior, will study in Ger- the location of the school to be announced later. Miss Louise Emery, Michigantown senior, will leave the United on June 20 for a year's study at the University of San

1967 autumn quarter may see use of IBM

The IBM computer which put students' class schedules on a machine basis last year will probably be set into motion again for those registering for autumn quarter, 1967, according to official sources.

The computer was used until this quarter's registration when a variety of reasons caused the university to return to the manual system.

Blamed for the computer's apparent failure to set up an adequate class scheduling system was the haste with which the idea was thrust upon the advising and data processing departments.

A canned program was used rather than one written especially for Ball State because of lack of time, sources said. The program, in addition, was written for a smaller institution than Ball State and had been "patched;" that is, re-written in certain places.

According to James Smith

college degree and experience in programming or data processing. Approximately 15 people are now employed.

Ray suggested that a systems analyst will have to be hired to work with the new program.

Although Ball State has had its problems with the computor, Smith said that these troubles are not uncommon of other institutions.

Currently, Ball State is considered a leader in this region for the training of people in the data processing area.

"If others in this area would put more emphasis on training, we would all benefit," Smith explained. Smith is a member of the Data Processing Management Association.

Meanwhile, a committee of college officials has been formed to look at the whole use of computors. Whether only the freshmen or all classes will be put on computor programming in 1967 has not been decided.

Junior Jim Davis elected to chair at USA election

Jim Davis, Fairmount junior, will lead the United Student Association political party in its campaign and activities for the coming year. Davis was recently elected chairman of the party in a meeting of USA party members.

Assisting Davis will be Lyman Kerkhoff, Indianapolis freshman, vice - chairman; Myra Middleton, Highland freshman, secretary; Jack Klepinger, Delphi junior, treasurer; Sally Wertenberger, Huntington junior, campaign manager; Elten Powers, Angola sophomore, parliamentarian; Dianna Bernacchi, LaPorte freshman, co-campaign manager; Andrea Taylor, Lawrenceburg freshman, publicity chairman and Paula Stanifer, Indianapolis freshman, co-publicity chairman.

Official announcements

All Seniors who will complete graduation requirements at the close of the autumn quarter, 1966, and will be leaving for off-campus student teaching assignments are to register with the Office of Placement, Room 202, Administration Building, before the end of this current spring quarter.

James Sweeney, head photographer for the 1967 **ORIENT** is taking applications for the photographic staff for the yearbook at this time in English 222, the Orient office.

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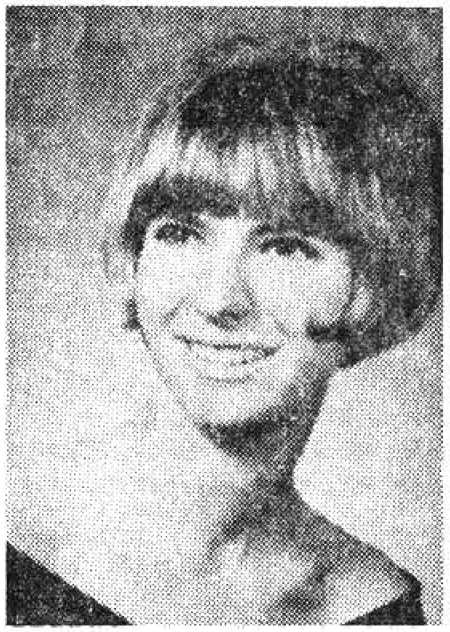
UPP claims overwhelming victory

BILL GRIER
t, Student Body (UPP)



BARBARA BAUMGART
Treasurer of Student Body (UPP)

LINDA YANEZ
Corresponding Secretary of Student Body (UPP)

Students vote UPP as polls record 3,048 ballots

University Political Party rolled over the United Student Association in campus elections Wednesday, sweeping all student association and class offices and leaving a sole USA survivor in the landslide. The turnout at the polls was 3,048, breaking last year's record of 2,700.

Bill Grier, UPP candidate for student body president, clipped Joe Peach, USA nominee, by 180 votes, 1,464 to 1,284.

Also elected to student body offices were Ken Wissman, vice president; Barbara Baumgart, treasurer; Sandy Ruoff, recording secretary, and Linda Yanez, corresponding secretary.

UPP also swept every class office, the judicial board and all but one representative at large seat, which was claimed by Jack LaFollette, current student body treasurer.

Wissman beat Jack Klepinger for the vice presidency. Miss Baumgart defeated Jim Davis for treasurer; Miss Ruoff defeated retary and Miss Yanez beat Sally Paula Stanifer for recording sec- Stealy for corresponding secretary.

See page 2 for statistical breakdown of election totals.

Statistical profile of campus elections

UPP		USA	
Student Body President			
Grier	1464	**Peach**	1284
Vice-President of Student Body			
Wissman	1698	**Klepinger**	1092
Recording Secretary			
Ruoff	1703	**Stanifer**	1097
Corresponding Secretary			
Yanez	1398	**Stealy**	1303
Treasurer			
Baumgart	1494	**Davis**	1235
Senior President			
Gilbert	313	**Wieczork**	292
Senior Vice-President			
Thomas	347	**Conn**	254

Grier attributes win

"student body president" and the vice-president will be president of the Senate.

"The student body president should more effectively represent student needs and not be solely concerned with pushing legislation through Student Senate himself."

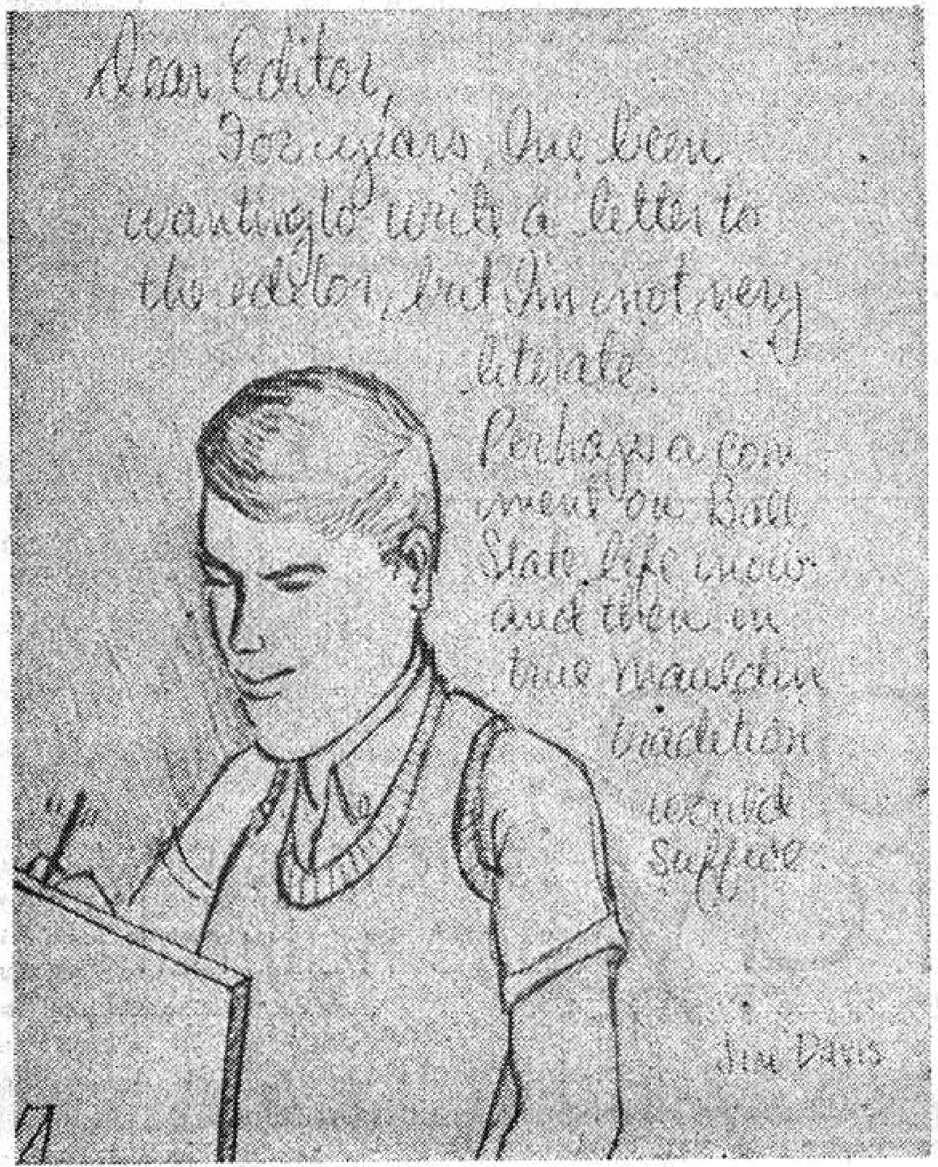
"Legislation will pass Student Senate on its own merit and, as a result, be more ready for faculty senate," he added.

Grier stated that the position of the president should be to "collect and communicate actively with all students."

He felt that the biggest job will be to move toward maximum efficiency in the office of student body president."

The new president stated he felt strongly that "I can't represent all student needs myself so I will secure as many views as I can but will always carry the last buck. I look toward this year with hesitancy and excitement."

COME AS
YOU ARE



Dear Editor,
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Jim Davis

A NEW ADDITION — One picture is worth a thousand words, according to the old cliche, and senior Jim Davis will be trying to literally illustrate this with his cartoon letters-to-the-editor which will be coming as long as his supply of bond paper and Bic pens hold out. A veteran observer of BSU life, Jim is now in his fourth year on Student Senate, is president of Theta Xi fraternity and chairman of the United Student Association. Like Mauldin cartoons and editorial page columns, cartoon letters-to-the-editor will not necessarily reflect the view of the Ball State News.

We Get Letters

In late 1966, Jim Davis sent in a comic to his college newspaper, the Ball State News. The strip features a self-portrait, with writing explaining it was his atempted at an illustrated Letter to the Editor.

The note is hard to read, but it reads: "For years, I've been wanting to write a letter to the editor, but I'm not very literate. Perhaps a comment on Ball State life now and then in true Mauldin tradition would suffice. Jim Davis"

The caption implies this was to become an ongoing strip, but this was in jest. This is the only piece of art we have created by Jim during his college years. He would graduate in 1967. Afterwards, he would take various odd-jobs, until being hired to work on Tumbleweeds in 1969.

*AS CONFUCIUS SAY, ROME NOT BUILT IN

ogies to be given ex-administrators

al services for three for- State University admin- who were killed on in a plane crash in will be conducted at 3:30 rrow.

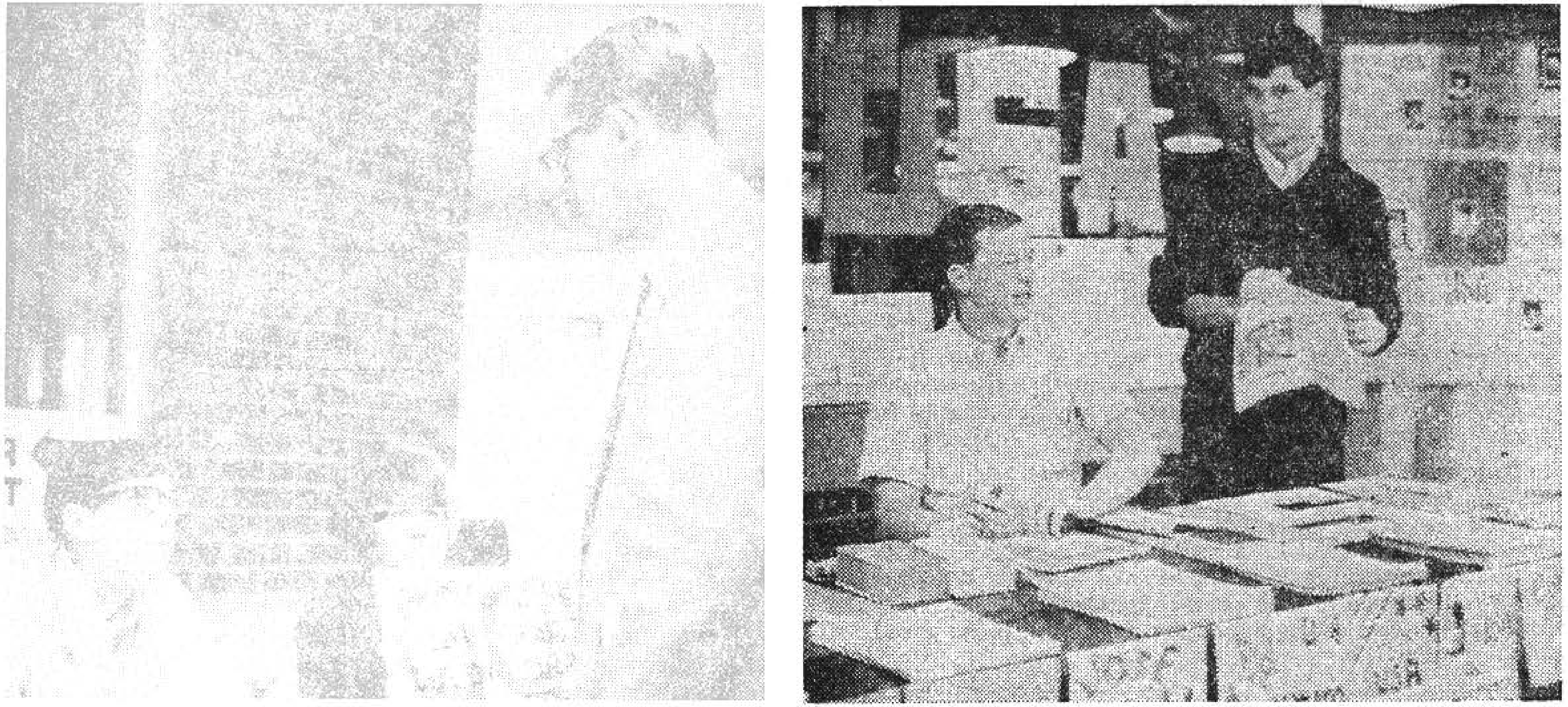
R. Emens, president of a, is in charge of the which will be held in State Theatre. George W. ector of religious pro- ll give the invocation diction.

ies will be given by E. Hewitt, chairman of partment of sociology thropology for Robert Follette; Victor Law- ean of undergraduate ns, for Howard G. y and Richard W. rdt, vice president for onal affairs, for H. Albertson.

te, 72, was for 10 years the head of the social science department at Ball State. For the past three and a half years he had been a consultant in higher education with the U. S. Agency for International Development Mission in South Vietnam.

Johnshoy, 48, academic dean at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., was President Emens' first administrative assistant in 1951-52 and then for the next seven years was dean of Student Affairs at Ball State. When he left Ball State, he went to the University of South Florida in 1959.

Albertson, 41, president of the Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point, who headed the eight-man team inspecting high schools and colleges in South Vietnam, was from 1957 until 1962 administrative assistant to President Emens at Ball State.



Campaign recruiting

Students who are members of University Political Party (UPP) (left) and United Student Association (USA) (right) have set up recruiting tables in the arcade of the Student Center. Shown in the pictures are (left to right): Tom Hanson, Lonnie Grey, and Terry Fasel, Hobart sophomore, for UPP; Jim Davis, Fairmount junior, and Lyman Kerkhof, Indianapolis junior, for USA.

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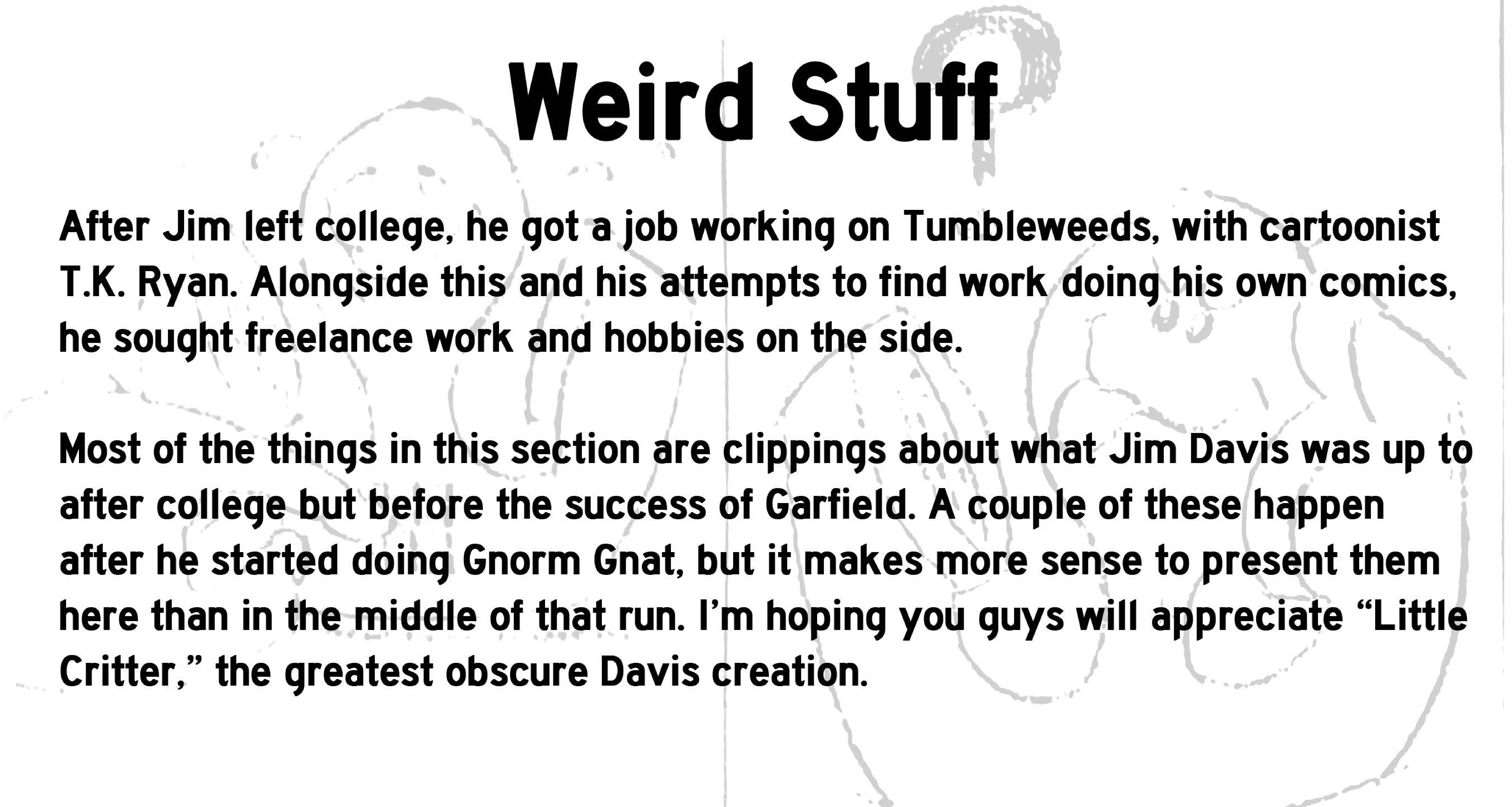
UPP leaders describe new party structure

In an interview on Tuesday, Chuck Hudson, Campaign Coordinator for the University Political Party (UPP) described the new party structure of UPP.

committee to spend a greater amount of time in personal contact with the students."

La Mar broke down the "campaign sub-structure." "There



Weird Stuff

After Jim left college, he got a job working on Tumbleweeds, with cartoonist T.K. Ryan. Alongside this and his attempts to find work doing his own comics, he sought freelance work and hobbies on the side.

Most of the things in this section are clippings about what Jim Davis was up to after college but before the success of Garfield. A couple of these happen after he started doing Gnorm Gnat, but it makes more sense to present them here than in the middle of that run. I'm hoping you guys will appreciate "Little Critter," the greatest obscure Davis creation.

Local Cartoonist Jim Davis Receives 'Best Actor' Award

By SHARON STANGENES

A local cartoonist who gave up acting for art is proving that being good at one doesn't exclude success in the other.

Jim Davis, who studied high school drama under the same coach as the late James Dean, won "best actor" in an area conference of the Indiana Theater League. He won the award at the conference meeting at the Muncie Civic Theater for his portrayal of Will Stockdale in Muncie Civic's production of "No Time for Sergeants." Stockdale is the original version of the dumb recruit recently popularized by the television program "Gomer Pyle." Andy Griffith won stardom playing Stockdale in the original Broadway production.

OFF-STAGE the blonde 26-year-old Davis is the drawing side-kick to cartoonist Tom Ryan, creator of "Tumbleweeds."

Davis says he sees a correlation between his art and his action. "It's great because you know when you draw a strip you have to be different characters. In acting you have to practice being different characters and it will continue to be just a hobby but I think it will help my work, too."

A NATIVE of Fairmount, Davis learned acting from Adeline Nall, the Chicago director turned high school teacher who came home to Fairmount to discover and coach the late James Dean and several lesser known actors.

"She would rant and rave just like she were in a professional theater at us country kids in our little high school theater," recalls Davis. "Had I not studied art at Ball State I'd studied drama," says Davis, admitting that he was a Nall favorite who decided on art instead of drama because he believed it would yield steadier income. The most enduring Nall lesson was her insistence on staying in character no matter what. 'I remember getting in character and staying in character for days," he laughs.

Though he possesses an incisive and dry wit, Davis is as laconic and as relaxed as his winning role.

"I DON'T KNOW whether this is good or not, but I was completely natural. I just got out and loped around the stage."

The hardest part of playing the role was not imitating the many famous interpretations of Stockdale.. One of the character's favorite words is "G-o-o-l-l-y."

"The first time I said it, I did a Gomer Pyle 'golly' and Bill (director Bill Jennings) said 'Wait a minute! Do it your way not Gomer Pyle's way.'"

JIM CREDITS his wife Carolyn with nudging him toward a return to the stage two years ago after his absence during college.

BEST ACTOR Jim Davis pauses while watching Muncie Civic Theater try-outs on the same stage where he recently made his outstanding performance. In the scene where Will Stockdale (Davis), the dumb military recruit, is examined by a psychiatrist, Davis explains that "the guy's supposed to be a little stiff and I was right there. It was the only time I've ever had a knot in my stomach before going on," he added. Davis and Charles Retherford re-enacted the scene from the Civic production for three judges for the Eastern Area Conference of the Indiana Theater League. (Star Photo by Jerry Joschko)

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

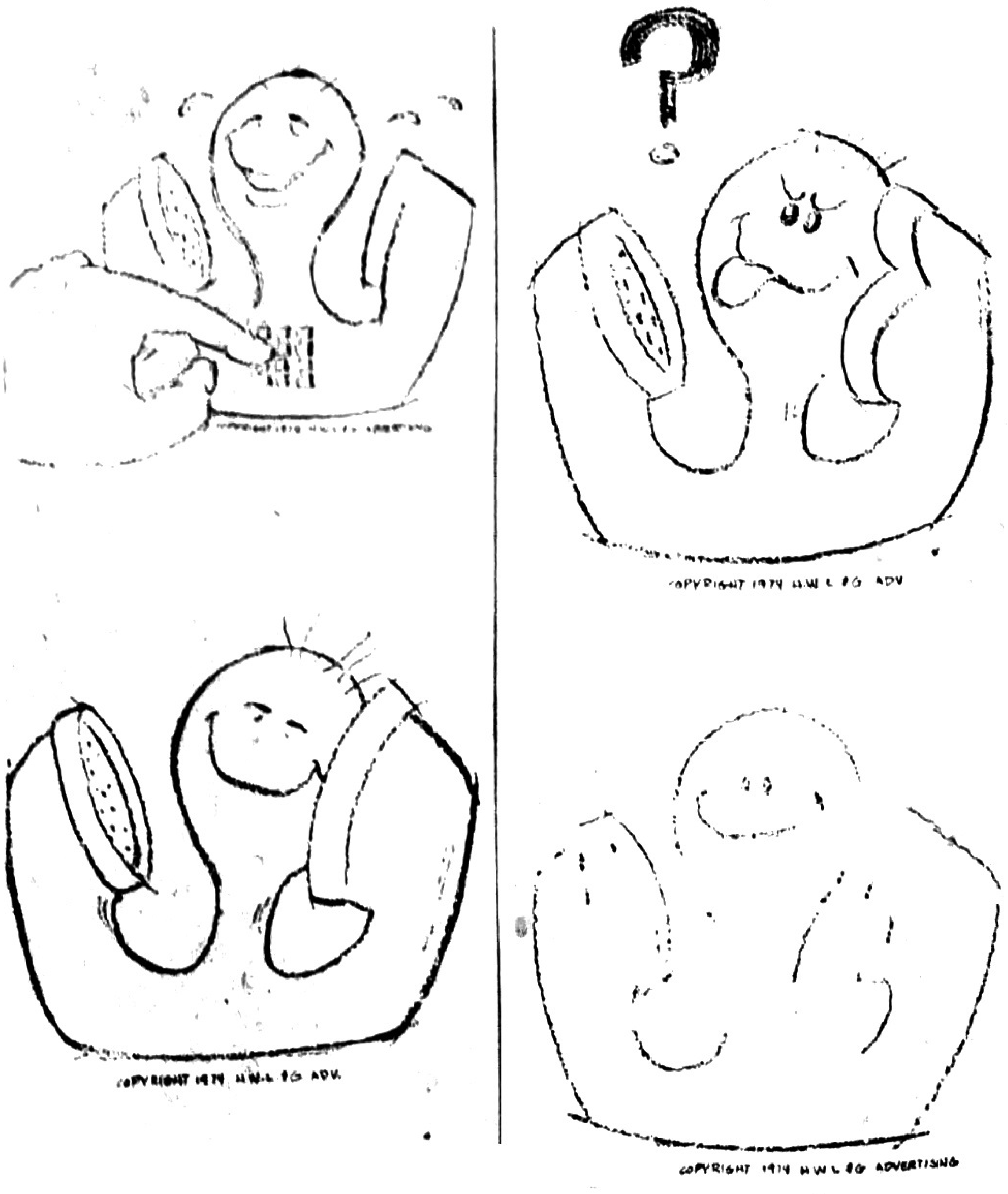
Little Critter stirs a copyright conflict

By ROY BIGGER
Evening Press Business Editor

Little Critter, created by Muncie free-lance cartoonist Jim Davis for Haines Wilson Lukens and Grady Advertising Inc., is just a few months old but already he is causing quite a stir.

The character was created as an image builder for United Telephone Service in Indiana and is well received by the utility. In fact, the parent company in Kansas City is attempting to take advantage of an oversight on the part of Phil Haines to use the character on a national basis without observing the copyright of the Muncie-based advertising agency.

Haines said he used Little Critter dressed as Santa Claus in a newspaper ad for the United Telephone in Indiana but neglected to indicate the character was copywrited and the Kansas City office latched onto the drawing claiming it was in the public domain.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LITTLE CRITTER

Haines has been careful since then to be certain the copyright is shown, as can be seen in the four illustrations.

Little Critter may not be the permanent name for the character because United Telephone in Indiana is having a contest to select a name. The deadline for employes of the Warsaw-based United Telephone Company to come up with a name is Dec. 20. The winner will receive 2,000 trading stamps and a Critter Award suitable for hanging on the wall at home.

Davis, who created the character, besides his free-lance work is an assistant to Tom K. Ryan, creator of the cartoon strip, Tumbleweeds.

He is a native of Fairmount, a graduate of Fairmount High School and Ball State University.

Besides dressing Little Critter in a Santa hat, Davis has illustrations where the character is in a football helmet, a baseball camp and he is dribbling a basketball.

On a more practical basis Little Critter illustrates long distance phoning, plugs extra extensions, wall phones, designer phones and tells of communications consultant activities. There are many more, all carefully marked with the copyright.

It Takes Money

Both Parties Affirm It: Finances Play a Major Part in Political Campaigns as Election Costs Continue Upward Spiral

By **MIKE STACK**

Star Business Writer

During any political campaign there is a lot of money around. The current city election campaign is expected to cost more than $60,000 before it is all over Tuesday. The figure breaks down to about $40.000 for the Republican slate and about $20,000 for the Democrats, based on general estimates from campaign spokesmen.

The trouble with attempting to gauge the cost of an election is that while both parties spend money on all their candidates, the candidates can pay for additional advertisements out of their own pockets. The cost of a campaign would also be enormously increased if volunteers were paid for their labors.

This local election is the first that corporations are permitted to contribute to. according to County Clerk Garland Miller. Spokesmen for both parties said they have received contributions from local corporations, chiefly partnerships and small businesses, but don't believe the new source of funds has had a significant effect on their doffers.

CORPORATIONS ARE permitted to donate up to $1,000, under the newly revised state election laws, individuals, however, may donate as much as they like Miller said. "Federal election laws do not apply to local elections," he said.

Apparently the only requirement for city candidates is that they file a written statement of donations and expenses with the county clerk's office within 45 days after the election.

Such a statement, however, can cause some real problems for the unexperienced campaign finance chairman, Miller said. "In order to keep everything straight, it's almost necessary to have an attorney as finance chairman anymore," he said.

It's easy to see how a candidate can spend money during an election by examining candidate statements from the primary elections last May. Though the amounts spent during the primary are small in comparison to the general election, they give some idea of where the money goes.

DEMOCRAT Bob Cunningham spent $141 for balloons during the primary, $120 for candy; $5 for a rubber stamp and $600 for groceries eaten at various rallies, not to mention other expenditures.

The money for the balloons, candy, hats and political signs, along with that spent for newspaper and radio advertisements, is provided through small and large donations. Republican Jack Isenbarger recently said his party has received donations ranging from $2 to $1,000 from individuals as have the Democrats.

Some of the largest gainers locally from campaign money are the newspapers and radio stations, though printing shops do a pretty good business, making up yard signs, candidate cards and political fliers.

Foster "Sparky" Adams, Republican finance chairman, estimated that total Republican effort for radio ads will run about $3,000 and newspaper from $3,000 to $4,000. He estimated yard signs about 55 cents each.

DEMOCRAT finance director Jerry Thornburg estimated that Democrats will spend about $1,000 for radio advertisements and considerably less going toward newspapers.

"I know we're not spending near as much money as we have in the past, because the money just isn't there," Democratic campaign Manager Arnold Blevins, said.

Both parties' mayoral candidates have public relations men who act as a sort of go-between for the candidate and the news media. Ken Irwin, a Muncie school teacher has the public relations job for Cunningham, and Jim Davis, a local cartoonist and public relations man, for Isenbarger.

Davis said his job is to get his candidates before the public and have their views presented through the news media. "Everything that goes into a release comes from the candidate. I just try to put it into a form that the newspapers can use," he said.

Davis said he also sets up candidate schedules made up of requested appearances from groups and suggestions from the candidate himself.

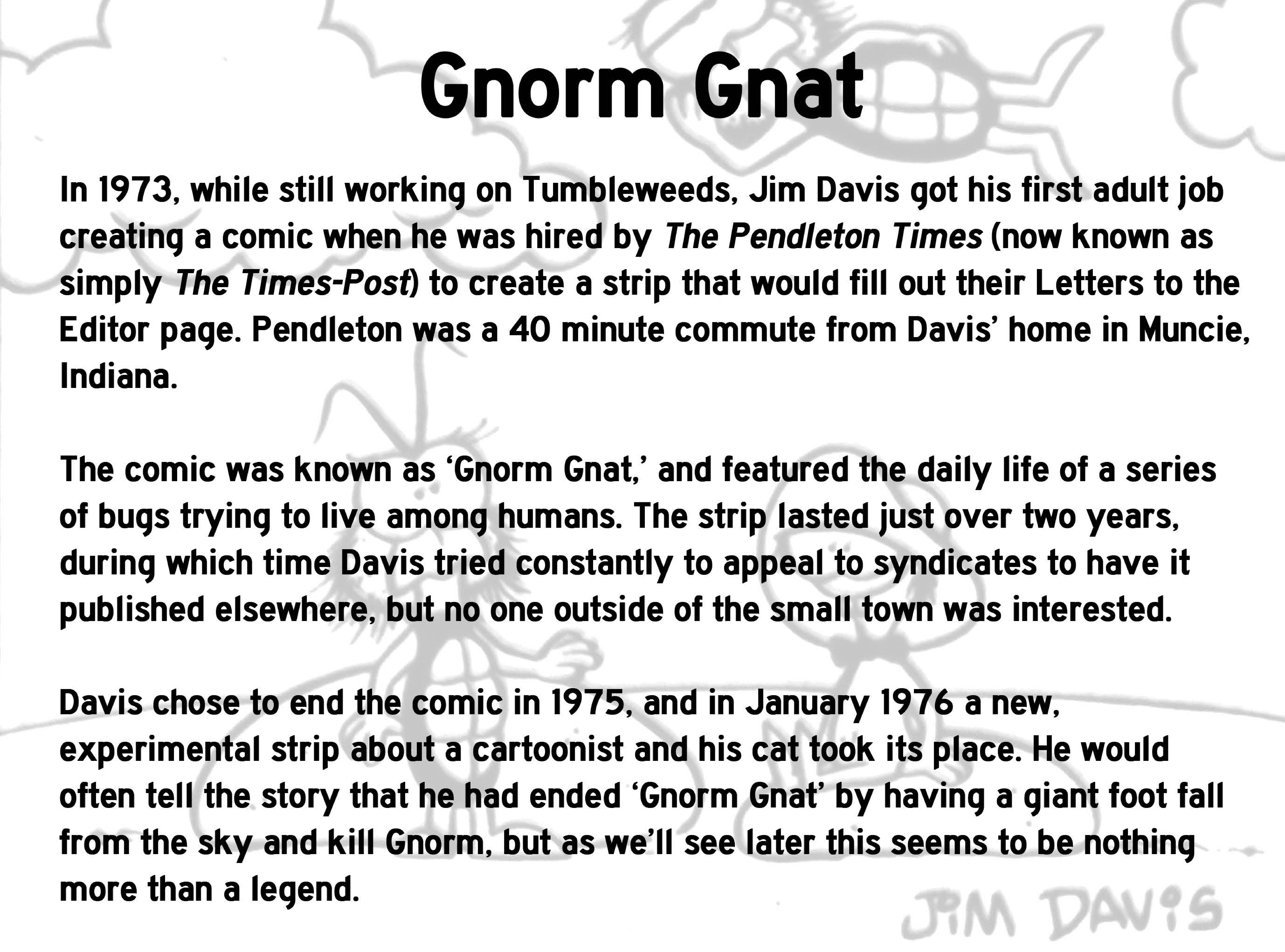
THE REPUBLICANS have retained Groves and Associates, Inc., a local advertising firm, to do the actual layout for written advertisements and fliers, as well as write radio commercials. Davis said the candidates have final approval of anything that goes into an advertisement or news release.

The Democrats say their newspaper advertisements and fliers are the combined efforts of the campaign committee. Radio spots are generally written by Irwin. Coordination of the entire Democratic effort is done by John Allem, a Washington based campaign coordinator.

Rather than attempt to create a new images for their candidates, spokesmen for both parties said they have been attempting to present the real man. Davis said the Republicans have been trying to present Isenbarger as a proven administrator who will get things accomplished if elected. Thornburg said the emphasis with Cunningham has been that he is a man of the people who will keep his door open if elected.

Whether either party has presented heir candidate as they wished and what Muncie residents prefer will be determined Tuesday by the voters.

Gnorm Gnat



In 1973, while still working on Tumbleweeds, Jim Davis got his first adult job creating a comic when he was hired by *The Pendleton Times* (now known as simply *The Times-Post*) to create a strip that would fill out their Letters to the Editor page. Pendleton was a 40 minute commute from Davis' home in Muncie, Indiana.

The comic was known as 'Gnorm Gnat,' and featured the daily life of a series of bugs trying to live among humans. The strip lasted just over two years, during which time Davis tried constantly to appeal to syndicates to have it published elsewhere, but no one outside of the small town was interested.

Davis chose to end the comic in 1975, and in January 1976 a new, experimental strip about a cartoonist and his cat took its place. He would often tell the story that he had ended 'Gnorm Gnat' by having a giant foot fall from the sky and kill Gnorm, but as we'll see later this seems to be nothing more than a legend.

Talk of the Town

Chicago Man to Address Council

By RITA WINTERS

A 68-year-old boxer who formerly trained and managed the late Barney Ross will visit Muncie to speak about his 17 years of volunteer service to the mentally retarded and physically handicapped.

Ray L. Newman, a Chicago Volunteer of the Year Award winner, Youth Citation winner from Mayor Richard Daley, and holder of many other citations for his physical fitness training with youngsters, will speak to the Delaware County Council for the Retarded quarterly meeting.

He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the Morrison Mock gym, 3501 Godman Ave. according to council president Jack Peckinpaugh. The local group invites council members and the public to hear the fantastic account of his work given to the "Leaning Tower" YMCA, The Bell School for the Deaf, High Ridge YMCA Special Olympics team and physical fitness programs for other Chicago YMCA organizations.

His warmest rewards, he claims, are from seeing five children being trained to walk without crutches even though they are cerebral palsy victims.

Peckinpaugh says council directors and

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Although initial plans called for release in other parts of the U.S., we support a move to get all three freezer container sizes available in Muncie.

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CARTOONIST TOM RYAN's able assistant, Jim Davis, reveals he has been submitting his own strip to the Pendleton (Ind.) newspaper. "GNORM GNAT" is a funny piece about bugs and Davis intends to begin the approach to syndicates . . . which is the only route to success in a cartoon strip.

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EAGLE AUXILIARY officer nomination will occur at the Wednesday meeting, announces Carrie Locey, publicity chairman.

Members are urged to be present for the 7:30 p.m. event at the aerie, 2700 Kilgore Ave.

There will be no Penny Supper this month, she adds.

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LINCOLN SCHOOL MOTHERS CLUB invite your support for their 9 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday rummage sale at 1639 W. 11th St. The sale will continue throughout each day.

Mrs. Sonya Kirby, treasurer, says pro-

by communities of this nation, were established over two decades ago to encourage citizens to foster more effective self-government and in generally improving their communities. Any community in the United States, regardless of size, is eligible to enter the competition; this year there were 442 applicants.

The award-winning cities were selected by a twelve-man jury, headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, Chairman of the American Institute of Public Opinion, in open competition at the League's National Conference on Government held in Minneapolis, Minn.

The 1972 All-America Cities are: Chewelah, Wash.; Erie, Pa.; Hampton, Va.; Johnstown, Pa.; Modesto, Calif.; Poplar Bluff, Mo.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Somerville, Mass.; Verdigre, Neb.; Wilmington, Del.; and Wilson, N.C.

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OUR EASTER FUNNY is dedicated to our good friend Audrey Boltz who collects pigs.

It asks "What has a big basket of decorated eggs and goes hippity-hoppity through the mud?

The answer "The Easter piggie."

(OH, well! We try to have something for everybody!")

HAPPY SPRING!

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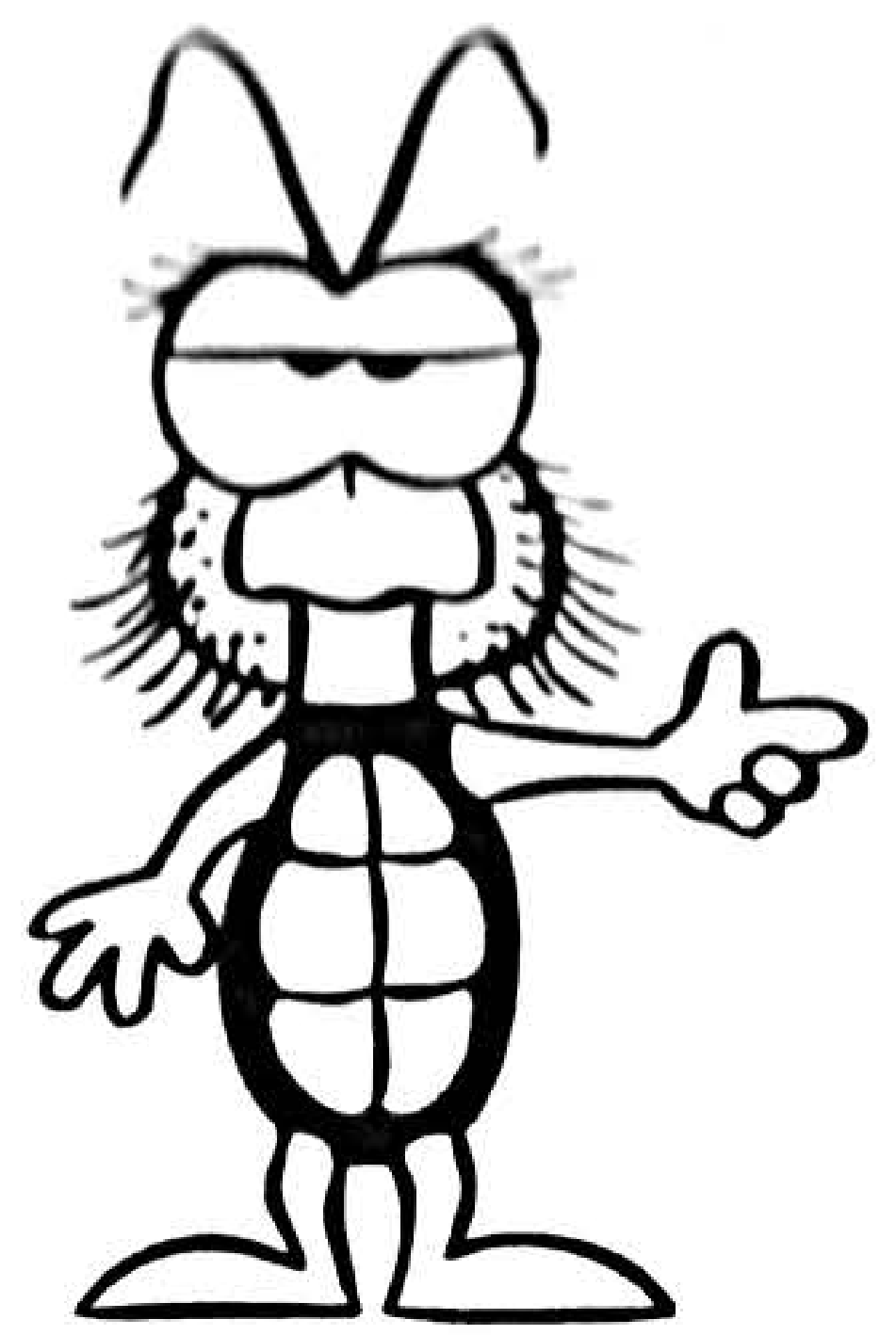
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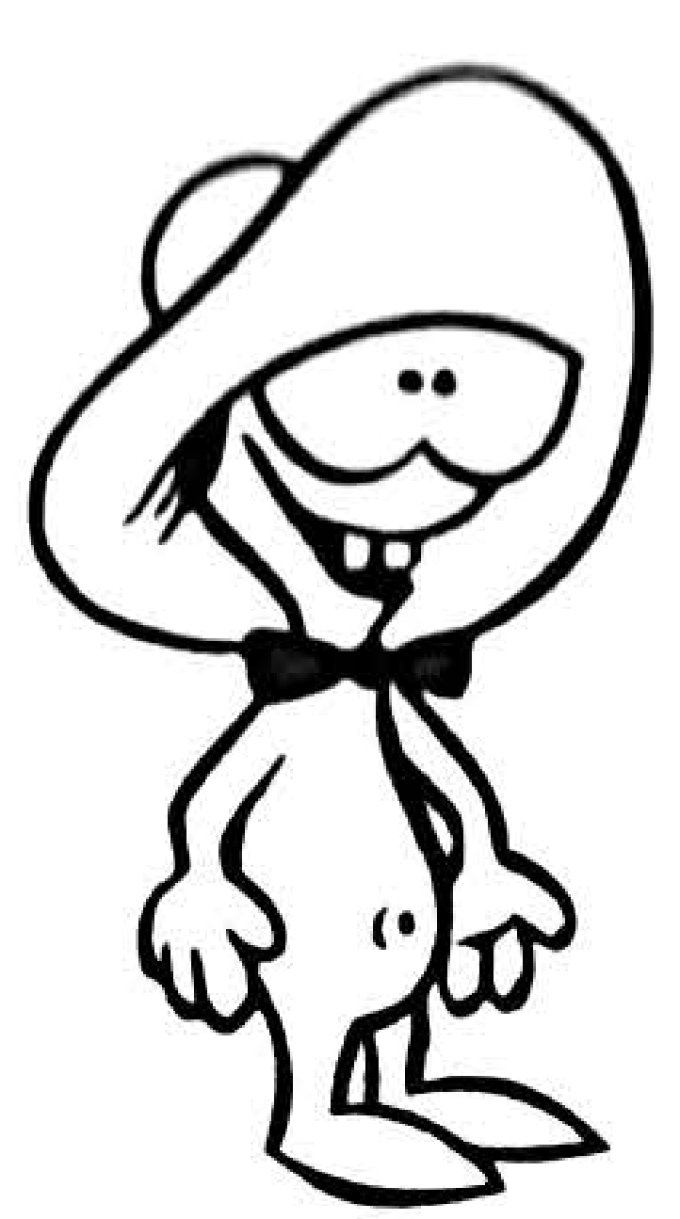
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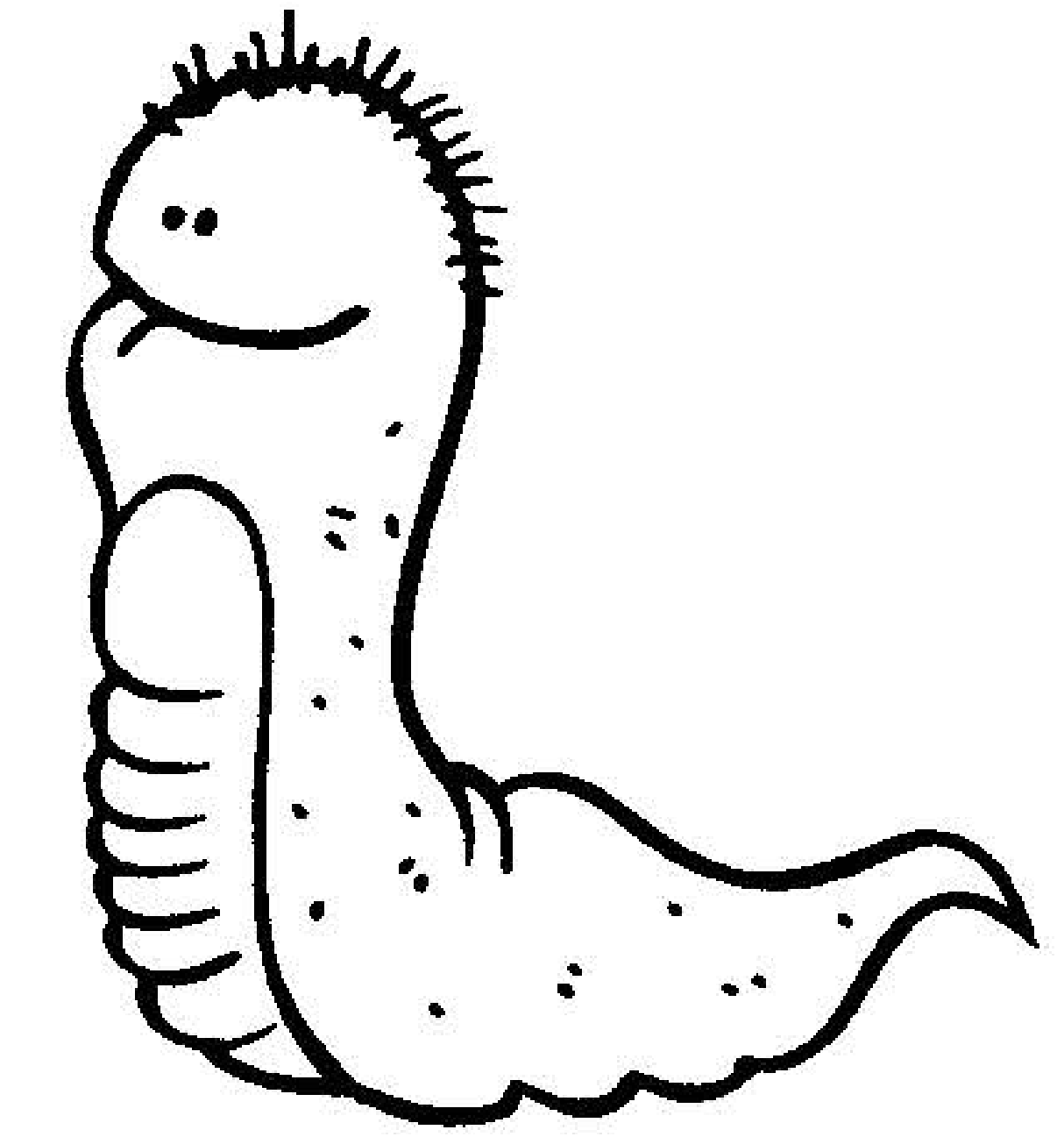
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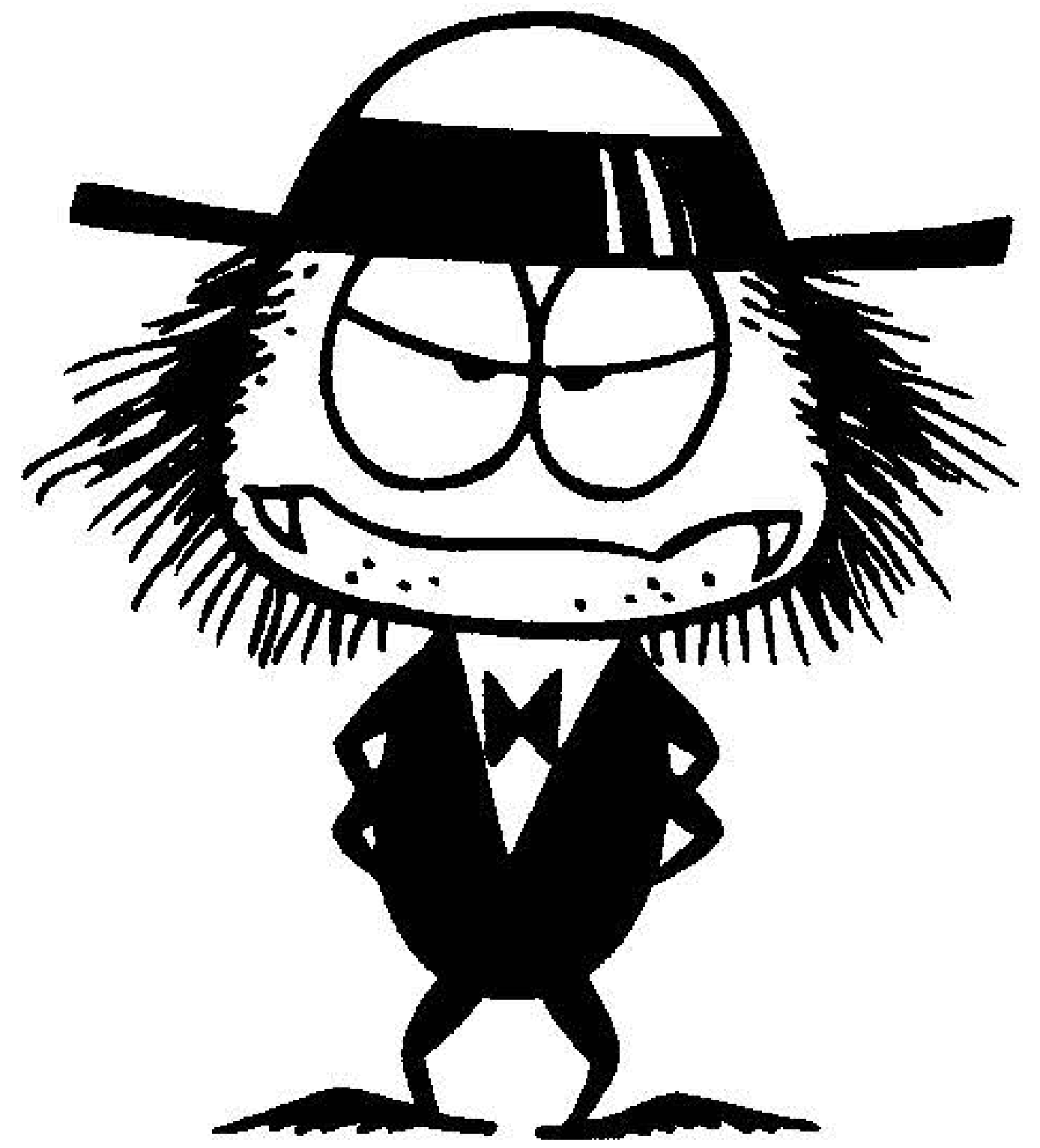
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Gnorm Gnat

March 1, 1973

HI THERE. MY NAME IS FREDDY THE FRUIT FLY. THE LIFE SPAN OF THE FRUIT FLY IS ABOUT ONE WEEK. I'D LIKE TO STOP AND CHAT, BUT I REALLY HAVEN'T THE TIME.
ONE WEEK HUH? THAT'S TOO BAD.
OH, IT HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.
THE DIVORCE RATE IS PRETTY LOW.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

March 8, 1973

I TELL YOU GNORM, THE FANS WILL LOVE IT. NOW GET UP THERE.
AND I TELL **YOU**, MR. DAVIS, IT'S NOT VERY ORIGINAL. BESIDES I'D FEEL STUPID UP THERE.
GET UP THERE!
NO!
EITHER YOU GET UP THERE OR I'M GOING TO RUB YOU OUT.
THAT TYRANT WOULD SELL HIS MOTHER TO BUILD. A READERSHIP.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

March 15, 1973

ON YONDER ROCK REPOSES NATASHA, MY GIRLFRIEND... WELL, ALMOST MY GIRLFRIEND. EVERY TIME I START TO TALK TO HER I CLUTCH.
BUT, TODAY, BOY... **TODAY**, I'M GOING TO WHIP RIGHT OVER THERE, BOUND OVER THAT ROCK, AND KISS HER!
WARM YOUR KISSER UP NATASHA BABY... HERE COMES GNORM "LIPS" GNAT!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

March 22, 1973

HARK... DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME OR IS THERE A RIP IN THIS PIECE OF PAPER.
HEY!
THIS IS A HECK OF A WAY TO GO. SCOTCH-TAPED TO DEATH!!!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

March 29, 1973

Gnorm Gnat

April 5, 1973

HI THERE. DR. MORTON ROSENWÜRM HERE. IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR A READING FROM THE ANTHOLOGY OF POET LAUREATE JOHN ARBUCKLE. IT'S A DEEP ONE.
"MY BUDDY
I HAVE A BUDDY. MY BUDDY'S A TOAD.
HE'S KIND OF MUDDY. HE'S FLAT ON THE ROAD.
BUT, HE IS MY BUDDY; MY BUDDY TO STAY.
'TIL HE'S PEELED UP, AN' SAILED AWAY."
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

April 12, 1973

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET THE STRIP'S TOKEN SPIDER, DRAC WEBB.
HI. IT IS I WHOM AM ALSO THEE STRIP'S TOKEN NASTY.
DO SOMETHING NASTY FOR THE FANS, DRAC.
NYEH!
YOU CALL THAT NASTY?
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT FOR MY FIRST STRIP?
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

April 19, 1973

HI LYMAN. WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
I AM TRUCKING DOWN TO THE BIJOU TO SEE THEIR NEW MOVIE
HUMPHREY BUGART AND MICHELE FLEA TEAM UP WITH BEETLE CUSHING, VINCENT LICE AND HAL ROACH TO EAT FOLIAGE OFF OLD COLLEGE DORMITORIES
REALLY ? WHAT'S IT CALLED ?
FOR THE LOVE OF IVY...
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat **April 26, 1973**

SAY, DRAC. WHAT'S A SIX LETTER WORD FOR "PAIN"?
ARRRGH.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS
ARRRGH!
STOMP
IS THAT WITH THREE OR FOUR R'S?
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

May 3, 1973

SOME FIX I'M IN... SCOTCH-TAPED DOWN HERE FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS
JUST A BUMP IN THE ROAD OF LIFE. JUST A LUMP IN THE THROAT OF DESTINY. JUST A HUMP ON THE CAMEL OF FATE.
HEY...YOU DO HAVE TO SUFFER TO WRITE !!!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

May 10, 1973

HEY GNORM! HOWS COME YOU'RE LYING UNDER THAT PIECE OF TAPE ?
I NEED THE REST
STUCK-UP!!!
NOTHING LIKE A ROTTEN DOUBLE-ENTENDRE TO CHEER ONE'S DAY
JIM DAVIS

AH, GNORM. I SEE THAT YOU ARE FAST WITHIN THE TRAMMEL OF A RESINOUS SHACKLE.
NO, I'M STUCK UNDER THIS PIECE OF TAPE.
I ENVY YOU MY SON. SO FEW OF US TAKE THE TIME THESE DAYS TO RELAX AND CONTEMPLATE LIFE'S PASSING PARADE.
WELL, IT'S NOT HELPING MY BOWLING AVERAGE.
"THAT MAN IS THE RICHEST WHOSE PLEASURES ARE THE CHEAPEST."
MENTAL NOTE: NEXT OPPORTUNITY; PUMMEL WORM.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

MAY 24, 1973

THE PENDLETON TIMES

MAYBE IF I CAN TENSE THE MUSCLES IN MY BODY, I CAN EXPAND THIS TAPE AND BURST MY WAY TO FREEDOM!
LIBERATED! HELLO WORLD! IT'S WILD IRREPRESSIBLE ME AGAIN!
SNAP!
JIM DAVIS
STAPLE!

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES MAY 31, 1973

HITHER APPROACHES NATASHA. OL' GNORM BABY HAS MEMORIZED A LOVE SONNET. I'LL WORK IT INTO OUR CONVERSATION AND SWEEP HER RIGHT OFF HER FEET.
HI GNORM.
UH...
BY GOLLY.
SHE SURE DO LOOK LIKE RAIN.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

JUNE 7, 1973

THE PENDLETON TIMES

SALUTATIONS CECIL, MY SON, MY SON.
PALPITATIONS TO YOU TOO DR. ROSENWART
UH...ROSENWÜRM
SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE WEIGHING HEAVILY UPON YOUR MIND, IF THAT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE.
YUP, YUP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP.
"WHATEVER YOU CAN DO, OR DREAM YOU CAN, BEGIN IT. BOLDNESS HAS GENIUS, POWER AND MAGIC IN IT." -GOETHE
THANKS DR. ROSEBUD. NOW I KNOW WHAT I WANT TO BE.
AND WHAT IS THAT ?
A TAP-DANCER
JIM DAVIS

THE PENDLETON TIMES JUNE 14, 1973

Gnorm Gnat

WHAT'S THE SCORE?
THIRTY-LOVE.
THIRTY TO WHAT? SWEETHEART.
LOVE! LOVE IS NOTHING.
(GASP) DOES THIS MEAN YOU WANT YOUR FRATERNITY PIN BACK?
I DON'T DESERVE THIS.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

JUNE 21, 1973

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

JUNE 28, 1973

I AM HUNGRY. ME THINKS I WILL MAKE A SANDWICH OUT OF THE NEXT PASSER-BY
HELLO GNORM. WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT TERRIBLY RUDE OF ME IF I ATE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
LUNCH!
SNATCH!
AND JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO SIGN TENURE.
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

JULY 5, 1973

THE PENDLETON TIMES

HI GNORM. WHAT'S HAPPENING?
OH, NOTHING MUCH. DRAC WEBB IS GOING TO PUT ME INTO A SANDWICH AND EAT ME.
NEVER FEAR PAL. I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THIS JAM OR DIE TRYING
IF I COULD ONLY BE SURE
JIM DAVIS
SAY DRAC, I'LL HAVE A GNORM-ON-RYE TO GO.
IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE

Gnorm Gnat

July 12, 1973

OH, WHAT A PITIFUL END TO A SHORT, BRILLIANT LIFE, TRAPPED IN THIS GOSSAMER FRETWORK 'TIL THAT BLOODTHIRSTY BEASTY, DRAC, DEIGNS TO DINE ON MY TENDER BODY
I CAN HEAR MY MOTHER'S WORDS NOW...
"MY SON, THE LUNCH"
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

JULY 19,1973

GREETINGS, LUNCH. I HAVE PROCURED THIS COOKBOOK TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO PREPARE THEE FOR ME MIDDAY REPAST. LET US SEE...
WELL...AT LEAST I'LL BE MEETING MY FATE AT THE FORK OF A GOURMET
HOW ABOUT GNAT NEWBURG?
HOW GAUCHE, THAT'S A SEA FOOD
BUGBUG BONBONS?
I AIN'T SWEET
GNORM WELLINGTON?
THAT'S UNAMERICAN
STROGANOFF ?
GOT A CHAFING DISH?
A SOUFFLE ?
I'LL FALL
"WRY" BREAD?
I'LL BUY THAT
IT WOULD FEEL NICE TO BE KNEADED
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES JULY 26, 1973

FELICITATIONS, GNORMAN. YOU WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT I HAVE WRITTEN A POEM TO COMMEMORATE YOUR PRESENT INCARCERATION
GO AHEAD DOC. YOU'VE GOT A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE
"GNORM'S THE LUNCHEE AN' DRAC'S THE LUNCHOR. GNORM'S THE MUNCHEE AT LUNCHEON. I HUNCH WE AGREE WHICH WE'D RATHER BE; FOR, THE LUNCHEE HAS A LITTLE LESS FUN. GNORM AND DRAC SHOULD BECOME VERY CHUMMY, IF THE ADAGE SHOULD STILL HOLD TRUE. THE WAY TO DRAC'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS TUMMY, WHICH GNORM SOON WILL BE PASSING THROUGH."
THAT WAS NOT VERY CHEERY
I TELL IT LIKE IT IS BABY-CAKES
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

AUGUST 2, 1973

Gnorm Gnat

(OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS NEVER PRINTED IN COLOR, I JUST GOT BORED AND THOUGHT IT LOOKED GOOD ENOUGH TO THROW INTO THE PDF)

HI LYMAN. WHERE YOU HEADED?
TO THE BIJOU TO PARTAKE OF THE LATEST FLICK
IT'S ABOUT THIS KID WHO PUTS A TACK IN HIS TEACHER'S CHAIR, AND SHE SITS ON IT
SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY SHALLOW PLOT
I SUPPOSE SO. BUT, I STILL ENJOY MOVIES WHERE THE BOY GETS THE GIRL IN THE END
JIM DAVIS

NOTE: UNIQUELY, THIS COMIC WAS PRINTED WITH NO TITLE ABOVE IT.

THE DATE IS 08/09/1973

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES AUGUST 16, 1973

NOW, ORCHESTRA, WE HAVE ABOUT EIGHT MEASURES TO KILL AS THE CURTAIN RISES
READY ? VAMP
DRAC! GET YOUR TEETH OUT OF CECIL'S NECK!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

August 23, 1973

ISN'T THAT A THREE-TOED, PINK AND PUCE GNAT-EATER?
SERVICE!
CLOP!
POINT, GAME, SET, MATCH
I SHOULD HAVE SEEN RIGHT THROUGH IT WHEN HE SAID "PINK AND PUCE"
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

GOOD MORNING, WORM
HI THERE EARLY BIRD
I'M GOING TO EAT YOU
NO YOU AIN'T CAUSE I AIN'T NO WORM
EVER SEEN A WORM WITH FEET?
AN' FEATHERS? AN' BUCKTEETH? AN'A MOUSTACHE? AN' GLASSES? AN'A HAT?
YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat THE PENDLETON TIMES SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

HI FREDDY. GOT A MINUTE?
THAT MAY BE JUST ABOUT IT GNORM
OH, COME ON NOW. JUST BECAUSE THE LIFE SPAN OF A FRUIT FLY IS ONE WEEK, YOU SHOULDN'T BE DEPRESSED. LIVE IT UP! HAVE A FLING! ENJOY EVERY MOMENT!
I CAN'T AFFORD TO
YOU SHOULD SEE MY LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM
JIM DAVIS
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THAT MAY BE JUST ABOUT IT GNORM
OH, COME ON NOW. JUST BECAUSE THE LIFE SPAN OF A FRUIT FLY IS ONE WEEK, YOU SHOULDN'T BE DEPRESSED. LIVE IT UP! HAVE A FLING! ENJOY EVERY MOMENT!
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YOU SHOULD SEE MY LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM
JIM DAVIS

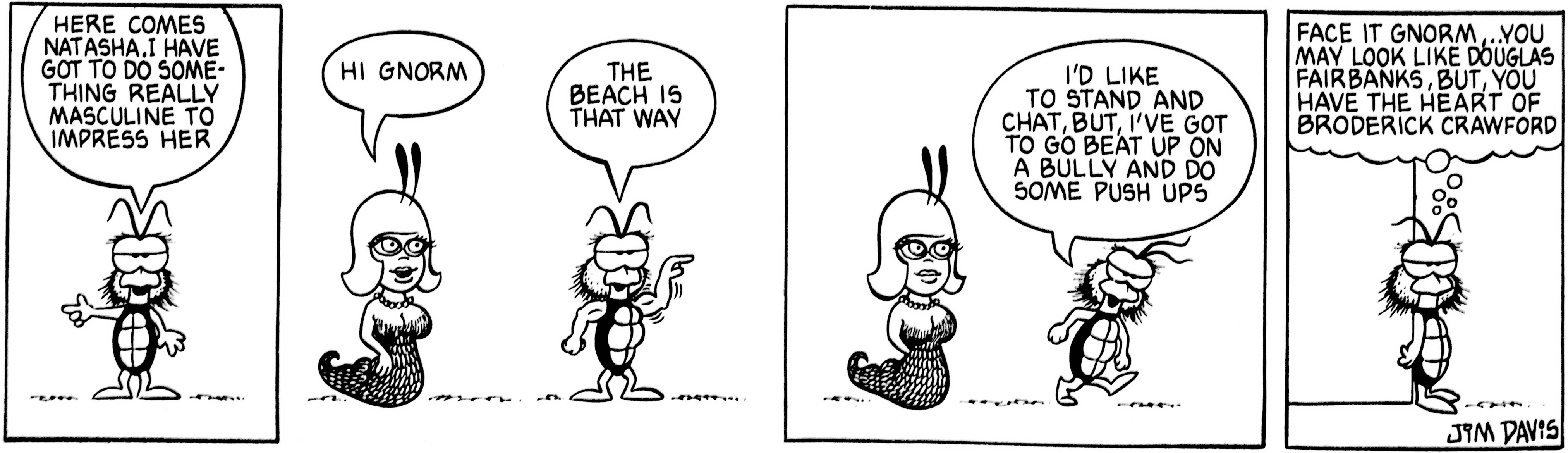
TOP: MY RESTORATION OF THE COMIC, USING THE MICROFILM ARCHIVES.

BOTTOM: JIM DAVIS' PERSONAL COPY OF THIS STRIP, CLIPPED STRAIGHT FROM THE NEWSPAPER, AS PRINTED IN '*IN DOG YEARS I'D BE DEAD: GARFIELD AT 25*'

Gnorm Gnat

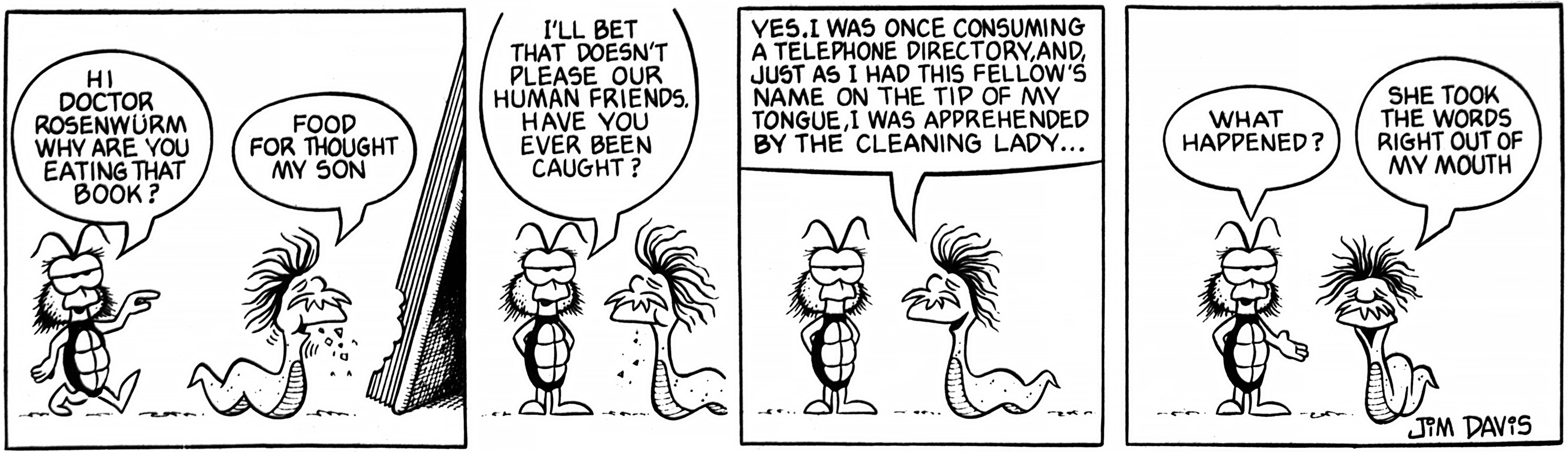
THE PENDLETON TIMES

SEPTEMBER 13, 1973


HERE COMES NATASHA. I HAVE GOT TO DO SOMETHING REALLY MASCULINE TO IMPRESS HER
HI GNORM
THE BEACH IS THAT WAY
I'D LIKE TO STAND AND CHAT, BUT, I'VE GOT TO GO BEAT UP ON A BULLY AND DO SOME PUSH UPS
FACE IT GNORM,..YOU MAY LOOK LIKE DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, BUT, YOU HAVE THE HEART OF BRODERICK CRAWFORD
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES SEPTEMBER 20, 1973


HI DOCTOR ROSENWÜRM WHY ARE YOU EATING THAT BOOK?
FOOD FOR THOUGHT MY SON
I'LL BET THAT DOESN'T PLEASE OUR HUMAN FRIENDS. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CAUGHT?
YES. I WAS ONCE CONSUMING A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, AND, JUST AS I HAD THIS FELLOW'S NAME ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE, I WAS APPREHENDED BY THE CLEANING LADY...
WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

September 27, 1973

HI GNORM. WHAT'S GNU ?
AREN'T YOU CLEVER.
GOTTA RUN. I'M DRIVING UP TO GNOME, ALASKA IN MY 1952 GNASH...
DON'T COME BACK
NOW GNORM, THAT'S NOT GNEISS
WELL, FRANKLY, I DON'T APPRECIATE YOU MAKING FUN OF MY NAME...
YOU ARE AREN'T YOU?
GNAW
JIM DAVIS
FOR A MINUTE THERE I WAS GOING TO GET UPSET

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES OCTOBER 4, 1973

HEY! CECIL! WHAT HAS TWO LEGS, TWO ARMS AND HAIR ON ITS HEAD?
I DON'T KNOW... WHAT?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER, BUT YOU ARE CRAWLING DOWN ITS NECK
JIM DAVIS

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Gnorm Gnat

HEY GNORM! HAVE I GOT A A BLIND DATE FOR YOU!
NO WAY LYMAN. YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT BLIND DATES
LISTEN FRIEND...THIS IS NO AVERAGE CHICK. SHE IS A WORLD FAMOUS MOVIE STAR WHOSE REAL NAME IS LOLITA PANT. YOU PROBABLY KNOW HER BETTER BY HER STAGE NAME
SOUNDS GREAT! FIX ME UP!
BY THE WAY.. WHAT IS HER STAGE NAME?
"MIGHTY JO YOUNG"
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

OCTOBER 18, 1973

IT'S TIME I STARTED EARNING MY OWN WAY IN THIS STRIP. I'M GOING TO BECOME A STAND-UP COMEDIAN
YOU ARE HALF WAY THERE ALREADY
HOW'S THAT ?
YOU ARE STANDING UP
I HAVE ALREADY BEEN BOOKED FOR A ONE NIGHT STAND AT THE ROACH AND FOUR
FOR HOW MUCH ?
JIM DAVIS
$26.50
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT KIND OF MONEY ?
FOR BEING THE FALL GUY FOR A NOTHIN' NOBODY SAWED-OFF WIMP IN A COMIC STRIP WHOSE NAME I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER!

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES

OCTOBER 25, 1973

SAY, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY HERE TONIGHT. ..I WAS RUN OVER BY A BEER TRUCK... THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THE DRINKS WERE EVER ON ME
I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE. I CAN HEAR YOU BREATHING
JIM DAVIS

I think all churches should support Mrs. Elliott.

John H. Cox

cause they wore them, even before that sneering buzzer sounded off. But it's the idea of it all--this mechanical age and the intelligence insulting reminders.''

postal service, newspapers did their best to handle the new increase. A number of publications cut their weight and size to reduce their postal costs. So there was a loss of revenue and the second class mail rate boost is necessary to get additional revenue!

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES NOVEMBER 1, 1973

HI GNORM. HOW WAS YOUR DEBUT AS A STAND-UP COMIC?
NOT SO HOT. JUST AS I HAD THE CROWD ROLLING (ALMOST), I GOT THE HOOK
AND I DON'T THINK IT WAS MY MATERIAL. THE GAGS I USED HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS
SO HAVE A LOT OF ROTTEN COMEDIANS
THEN WHY DON'T THEY GET THE HOOK?
THEY'RE JEWISH!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THE PENDLETON TIMES NOVEMBER 8, 1973

Gnorm Gnat

...AN' I SAID, A NINE-FOOT APE CAN SLEEP ANYWHERE HE WANTS. ...YESSIREEBOB... I AIN'T ABOUT TO TELL A BIG DUDE LIKE THAT WHERE TO SLEEP. ...NOSIREE..BOB...
WHOOSH!
HA-HA MISSED ME!!
JIM DAVIS

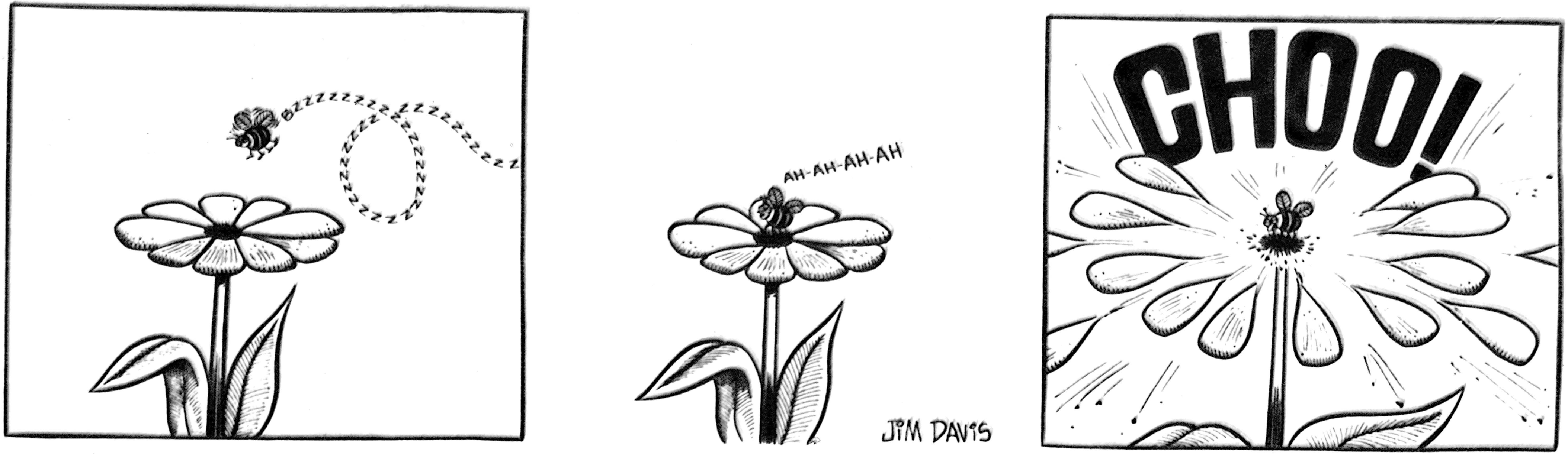
Gnorm Gnat

NOVEMBER 22, 1973

THE PENDLETON TIMES

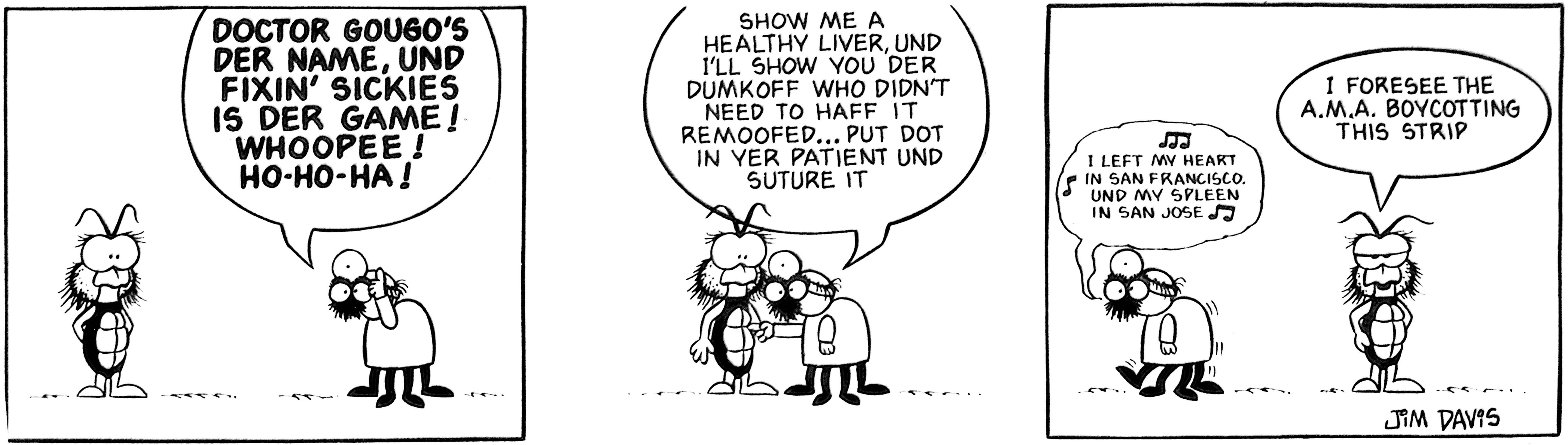
HMMM
CLICK!
THAT'S FUNNY... I HAVE AN IDEA AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS...
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

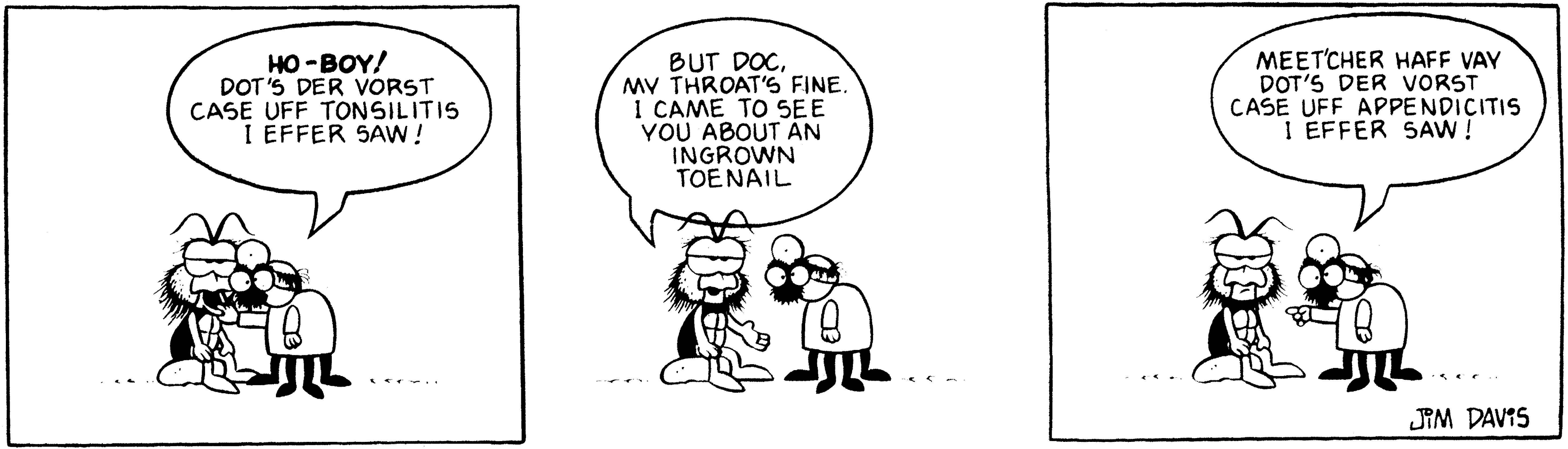

BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
AH-AH-AH-AH
JIM DAVIS
CHOO!

Gnorm Gnat

DECEMBER 6, 1973 THE PENDLETON TIMES


DOCTOR GOUGO'S DER NAME, UND FIXIN' SICKIES IS DER GAME! WHOOPEE! HO-HO-HA!
SHOW ME A HEALTHY LIVER, UND I'LL SHOW YOU DER DUMKOFF WHO DIDN'T NEED TO HAFF IT REMOOFED... PUT DOT IN YER PATIENT UND SUTURE IT
I LEFT MY HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO. UND MY SPLEEN IN SAN JOSE
I FORESEE THE A.M.A. BOYCOTTING THIS STRIP
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


HO-BOY! DOT'S DER VORST CASE UFF TONSILITIS I EFFER SAW!
BUT DOC, MY THROAT'S FINE. I CAME TO SEE YOU ABOUT AN INGROWN TOENAIL
MEET'CHER HAFF VAY DOT'S DER VORST CASE UFF APPENDICITIS I EFFER SAW!
JIM DAVIS

December 20, 1973

Gnorm Gnat
WHO'S THE WEIRDO IN THE RED SUIT ?
THAT'S SANTA ROACH
AND THAT'S RIDICULOUS
YOU... YOU MEAN YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN SANTA ROACH?
I SUPPOSE NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE EASTER LEECH!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
JIM DAVIS
AH-AH-AH
CHOO!
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

Gnorm Gnat

JANUARY 3, 1974

EVERYTHING MUST GO ?
DR. GOUGO'S GRAND OPENING SALE!!
EVERYTHING MUST GO !!!
YAH...I'M OFFERING A PACKAGE DEAL. I'LL TAKE OUT YER TONSILS UND YER APPENDIX UND VUN KIDNEY FER DER VUN LOW PRICE UFF $9.85
BUT, WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ALL THAT DONE ?
SUTURE SELF BUCKY BOY. BUT IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE A'LA CARTE
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

Gnorm Gnat

HARK!! COULD THIS BE THE EXTREMELY RARE "BLOOMSUS ONCEUS EVERYUS HUNDREDUS YEARSUS", WHICH IS A FLOWER THAT BLOOMS ONCE EVERY HUNDRED YEARS?
JIM DAVIS
OH, WHAT A THRILL! TO WITNESS THE BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY OF SUCH A FRAGILE BLOSSOM THAT TOOK A CENTURY TO CREATE!
COULD'VE USED A LITTLE SALT...

IT'S TIME, ONCE AGAIN, FOR MORE HIGH-BROW POETRY FROM THE ANTHOLOGY OF POET LAUREATE JOHN ARBUCKLE. GET YOUR HANKIES READY LADIES. THERE WON'T BE A DRY EYE IN THE AUDIENCE AFTER HEARING... "A TRAGIC TALE".
"A TRAGIC TALE"
THERE ONCE WAS A FELLOW NAMED GAINES,
WHOSE NOSE WAS THE LONGEST OF MAINE'S.
SLIPPED AN' FELL, THE POOR DEAR.
CAUGHT HIS NOSE IN HIS EAR.
THEN HE SNEEZED AND BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.
JIM DAVIS

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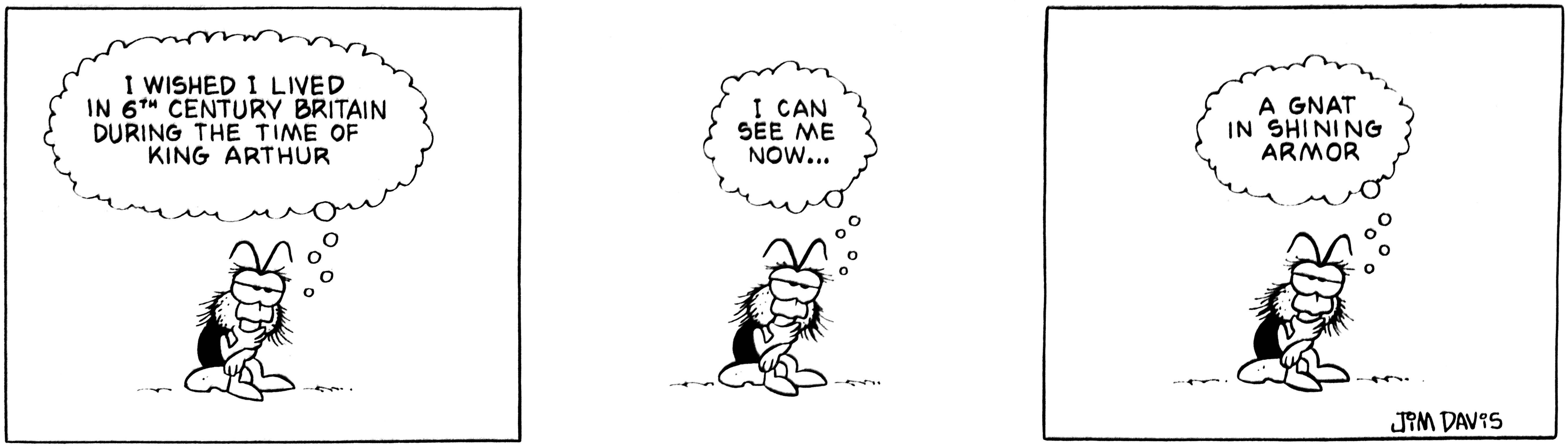
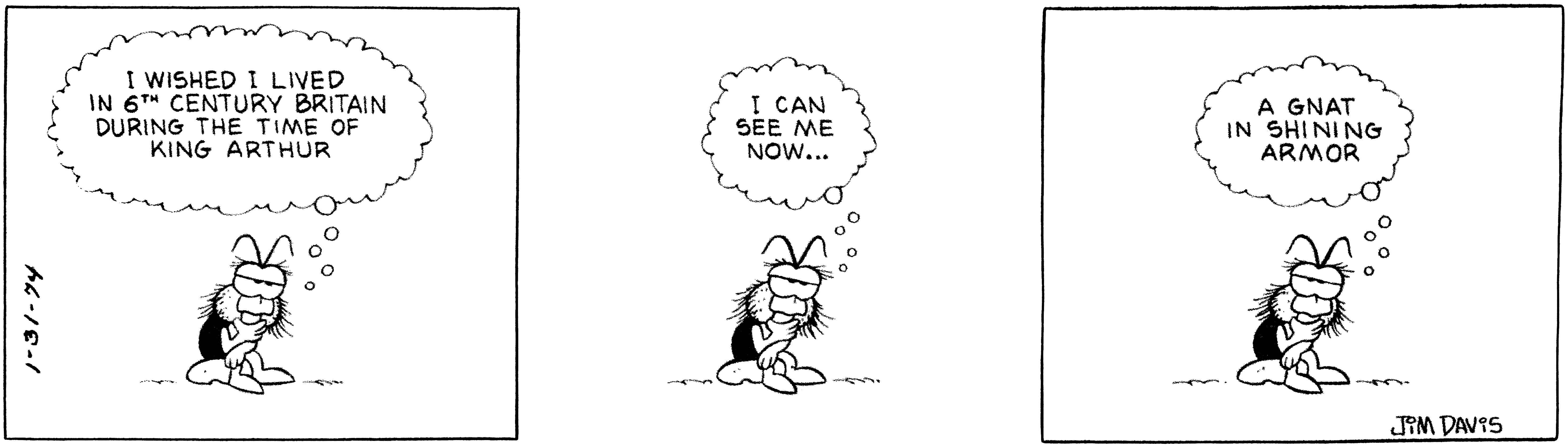

I WISHED I LIVED IN 6TH CENTURY BRITAIN DURING THE TIME OF KING ARTHUR
I CAN SEE ME NOW...
A GNAT IN SHINING ARMOR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


I WISHED I LIVED IN 6TH CENTURY BRITAIN DURING THE TIME OF KING ARTHUR
1-31-74
I CAN SEE ME NOW...
A GNAT IN SHINING ARMOR
JIM DAVIS

I MADE TWO RESTORATIONS OF THIS COMIC.

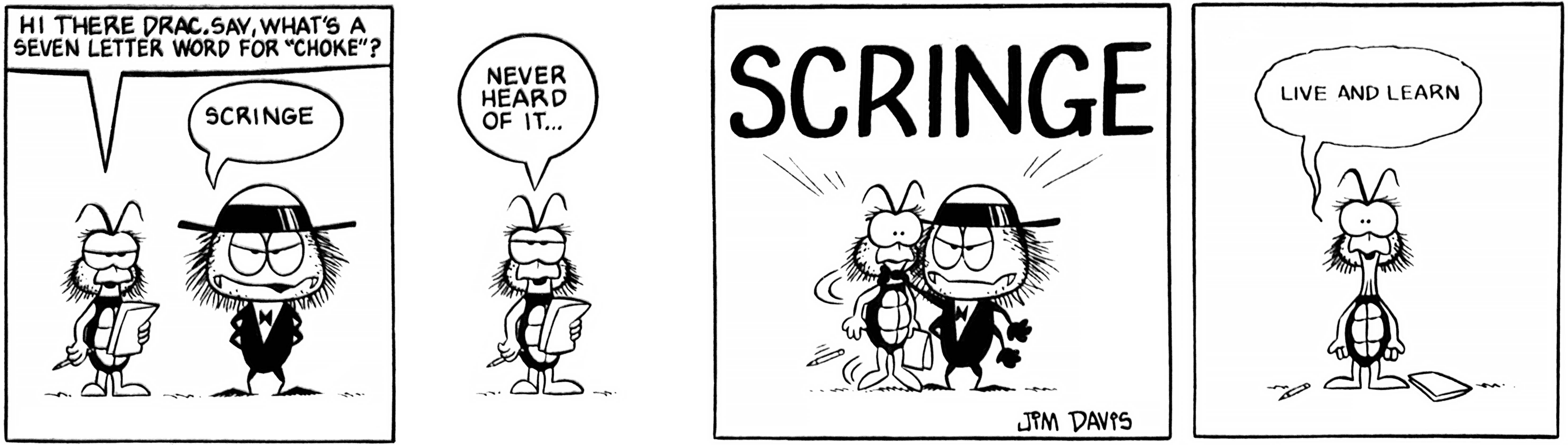
THE TOPIC VERSION WAS MADE FROM MY DIGIAL SCAN,
WHILE THE BOTTOM WAS MADE (PARTIALLY) OUT OF A PERSONAL
NEWSPAPER CLIPPING JIM DAVIS MADE, WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN A
25TH ANNIVERSARY GARFIELD BOOK. NOTE THE DATE JIM HAS
SCRIBBLED ON THE SIDE OF THE COMIC.

I FEEL NEITHER VERSION IS TRULY 'SUPERIOR' IN TERMS OF QUALITY.

Gnorm Gnat

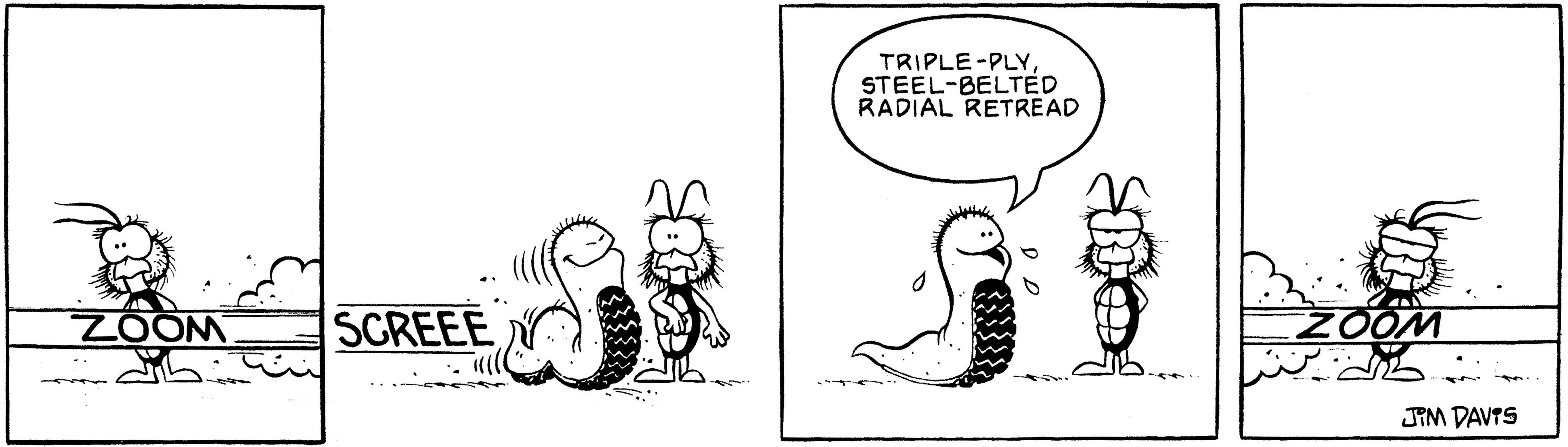
Thursday, Feb. 7, 1974

Gnorm Gnat


HI THERE DRAC. SAY, WHAT'S A SEVEN LETTER WORD FOR "CHOKE"?
SCRINGE
NEVER HEARD OF IT...
SCRINGE
JIM DAVIS
LIVE AND LEARN

Gnorm Gnat

Thursday, February 21 1974



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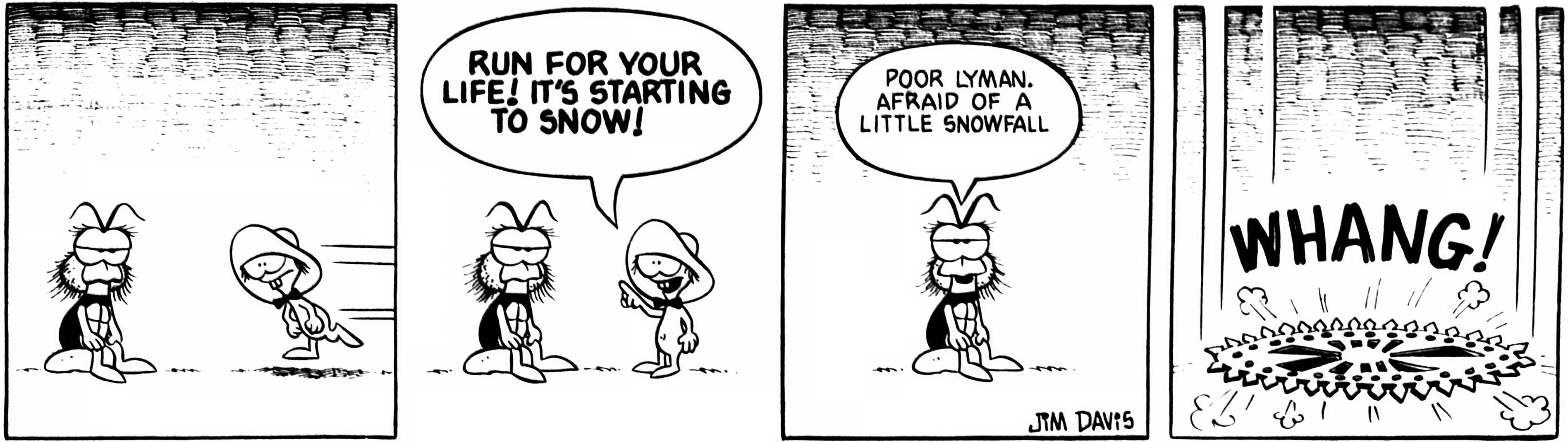
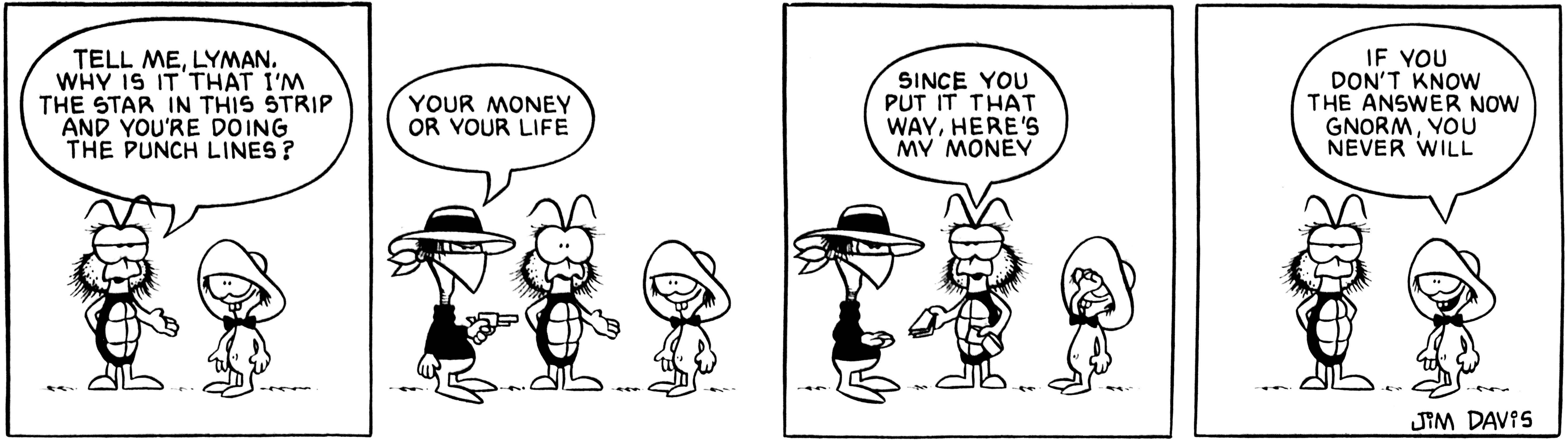
Thursday, Feb. 28, 1974


RUN FOR YOUR LIFE! IT'S STARTING TO SNOW!
POOR LYMAN. AFRAID OF A LITTLE SNOWFALL
JIM DAVIS
WHANG!

Gnorm Gnat

Thursday, March 7, 1974

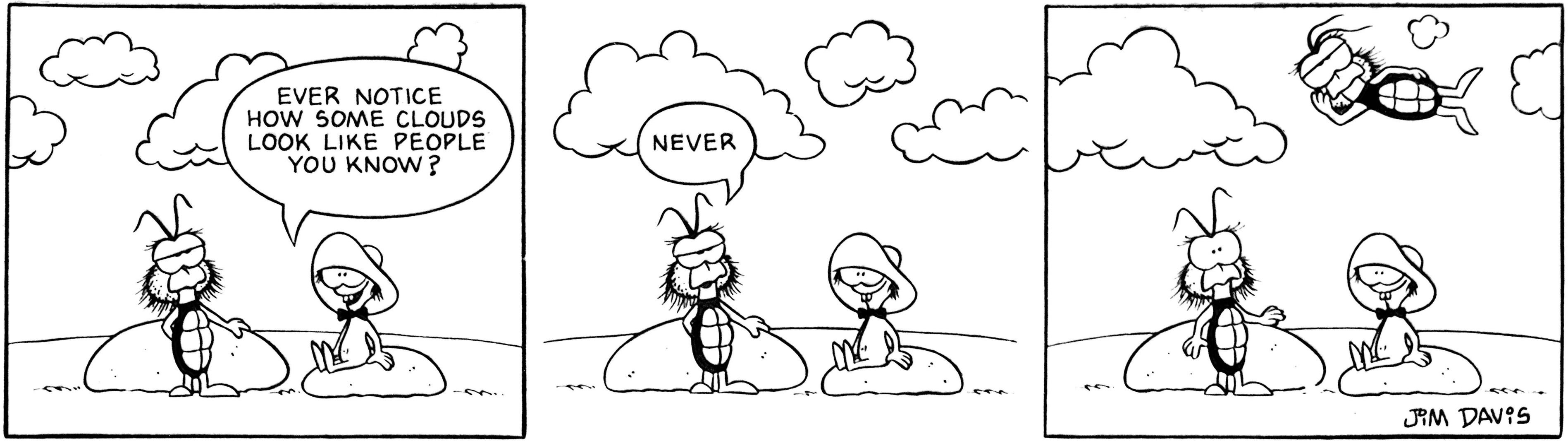

TELL ME, LYMAN. WHY IS IT THAT I'M THE STAR IN THIS STRIP AND YOU'RE DOING THE PUNCH LINES?
YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE
SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, HERE'S MY MONEY
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER NOW GNORM, YOU NEVER WILL
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

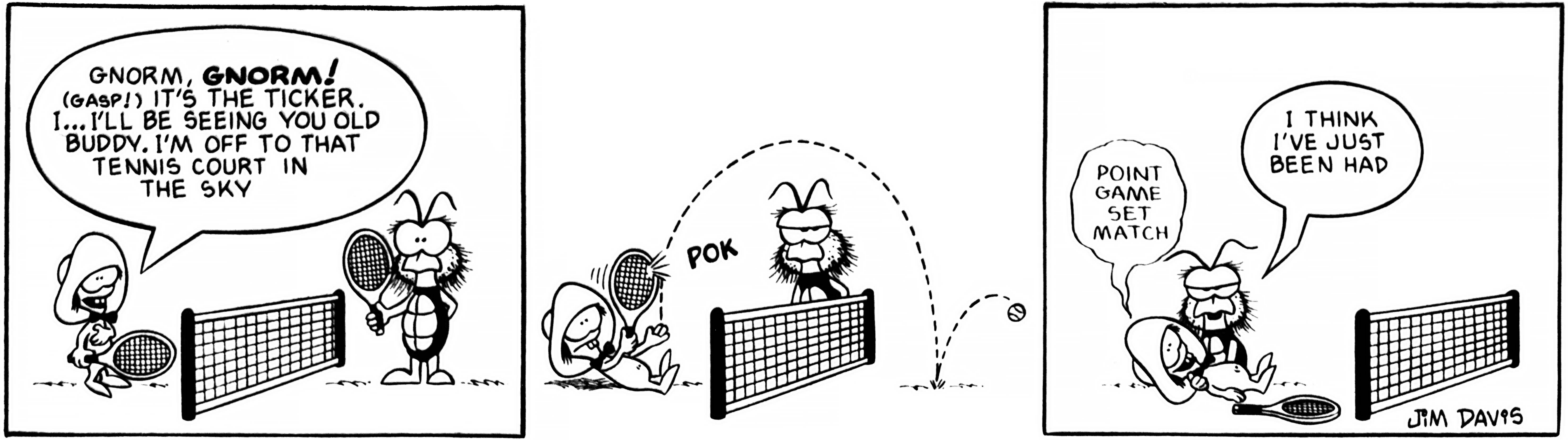
Thursday, March 14, 1974

GOOD MORNING SIR. JOIN OUR CLUB AND WE'LL PROMISE A NEW PHYSIQUE FOR ONLY $19.95 A MONTH
HEALTH CLUB
WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE THE PAYMENTS?
HEALTH CLUB
WE'LL REPOSSESS YOUR BODY
HEALTH CLUB
JIM DAVIS

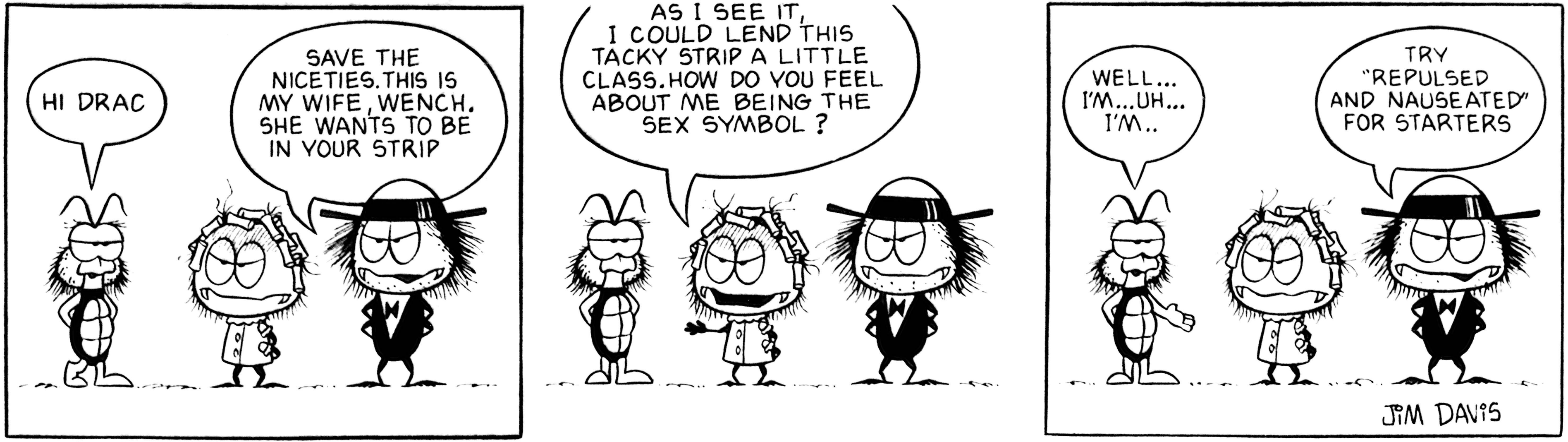
Gnorm Gnat


EVER NOTICE HOW SOME CLOUDS LOOK LIKE PEOPLE YOU KNOW?
NEVER
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


GNORM, **GNORM!** (GASP!) IT'S THE TICKER. I...I'LL BE SEEING YOU OLD BUDDY. I'M OFF TO THAT TENNIS COURT IN THE SKY
POK
POINT GAME SET MATCH
I THINK I'VE JUST BEEN HAD
JIM DAVIS

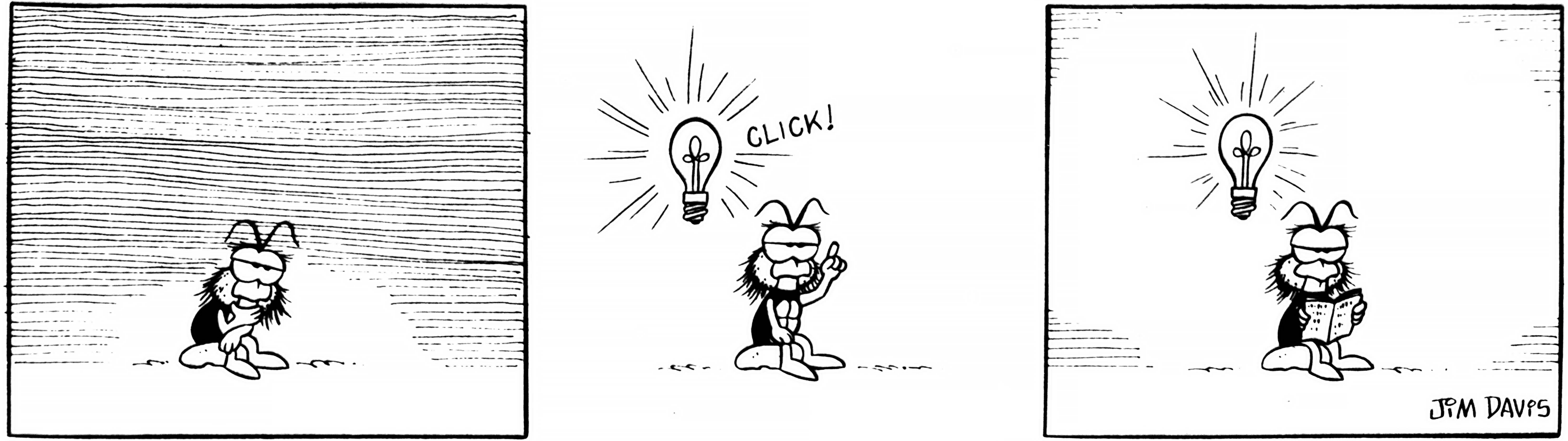
Gnorm Gnat


HI DRAC
SAVE THE NICETIES. THIS IS MY WIFE, WENCH. SHE WANTS TO BE IN YOUR STRIP
AS I SEE IT, I COULD LEND THIS TACKY STRIP A LITTLE CLASS. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME BEING THE SEX SYMBOL ?
WELL... I'M...UH... I'M..
TRY "REPULSED AND NAUSEATED" FOR STARTERS
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

April 11, 1974

Gnorm Gnat



"NEWS MEDIA. Never send any information about your schools to local news media. Reporters are jsut busybodies who are interested only in sensational news like rapes and murders. But if by chance a

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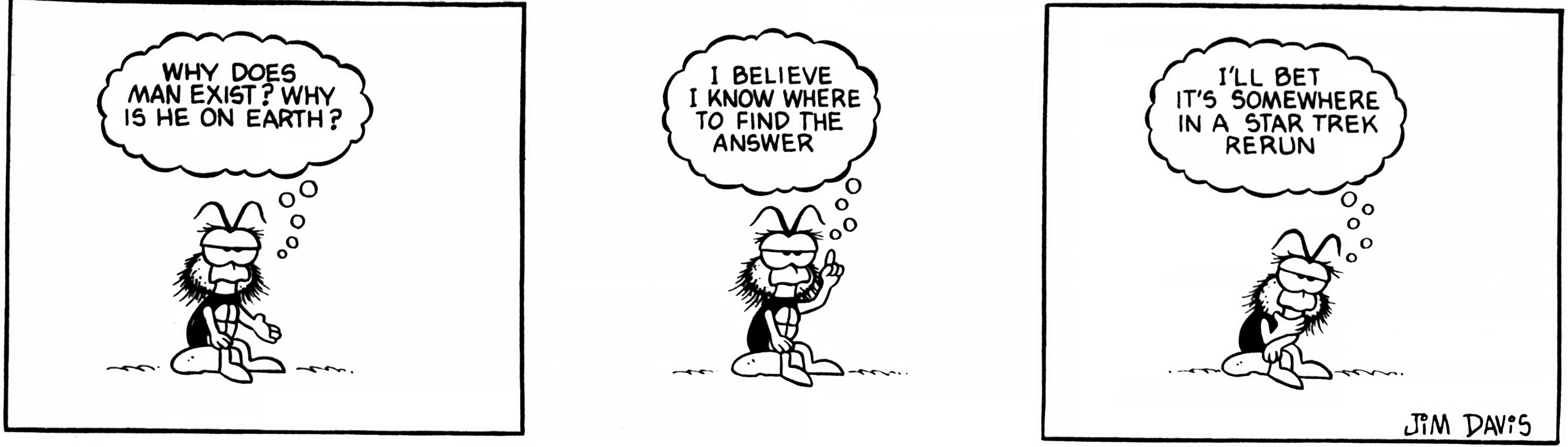
Gnorm Gnat

April 25, 1974

IF YOU DON'T MIND, GNORM, I DON'T CARE FOR PEOPLE READING OVER MY SHOULDER
SORRY
OVER HIS SHOULDER?
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

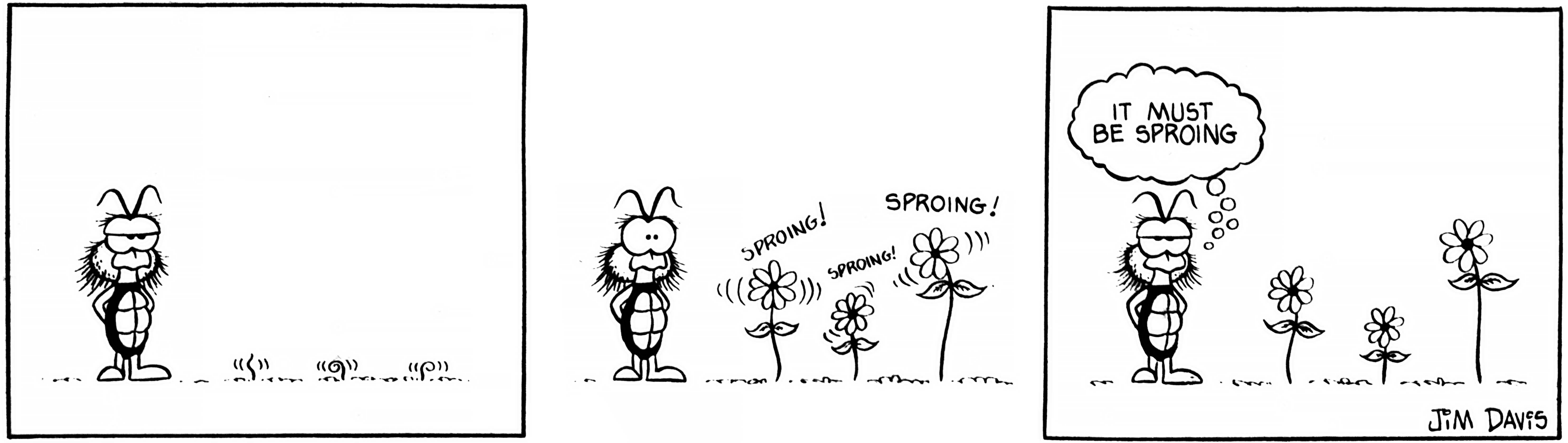

WHY DOES MAN EXIST? WHY IS HE ON EARTH?
I BELIEVE I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER
I'LL BET IT'S SOMEWHERE IN A STAR TREK RERUN
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

HI LYMAN. WHERE YOU HEADED?
I'M HOOFING IT DOWN TO THE BIJOU TO SEE THEIR NEW STAG MOVIE
STAG MOVIE? OH,...MY
YEH..YOU SEE, THE STAR OF THE MOVIE RUNS AROUND WITH NO CLOTHES ON, WHICH IS OKAY BECAUSE HE LIVES IN A WOODS
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE MOVIE?
"GARFIELD, STAG OF THE NORTH"
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

Thursday, May 16, 1974


SPROING!
SPROING!
SPROING!
IT MUST BE SPROING
JIM DAVIS

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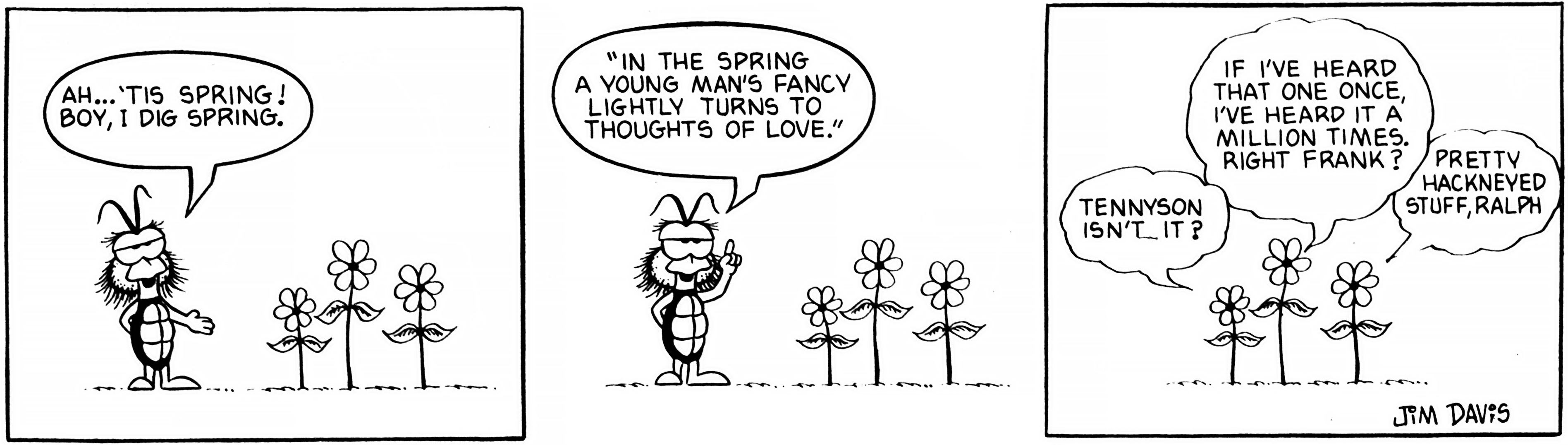
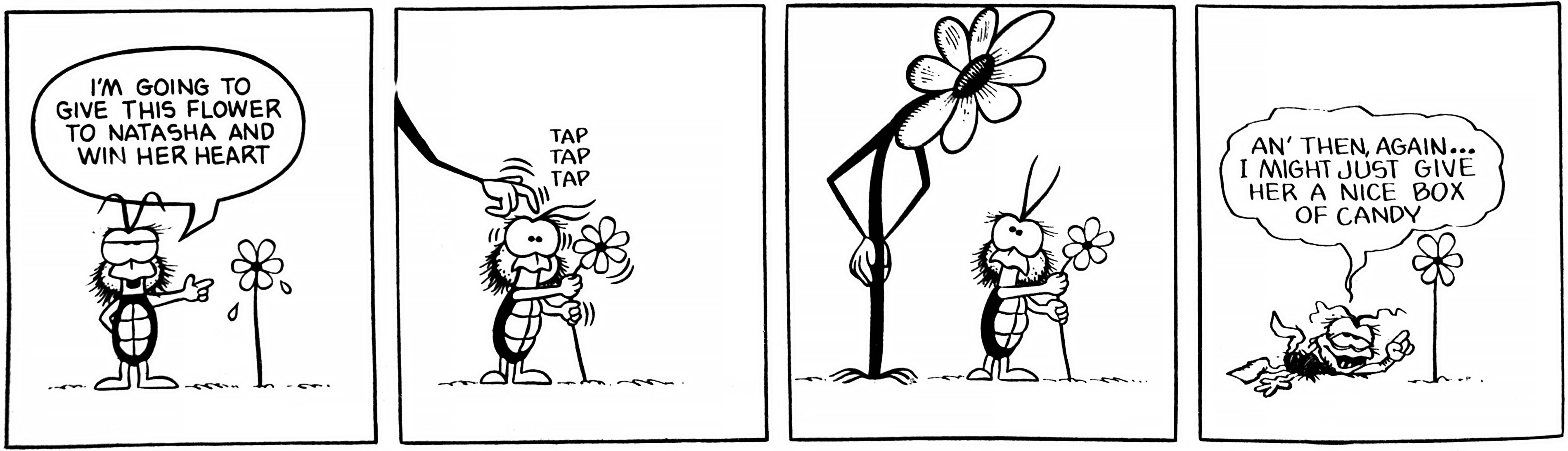
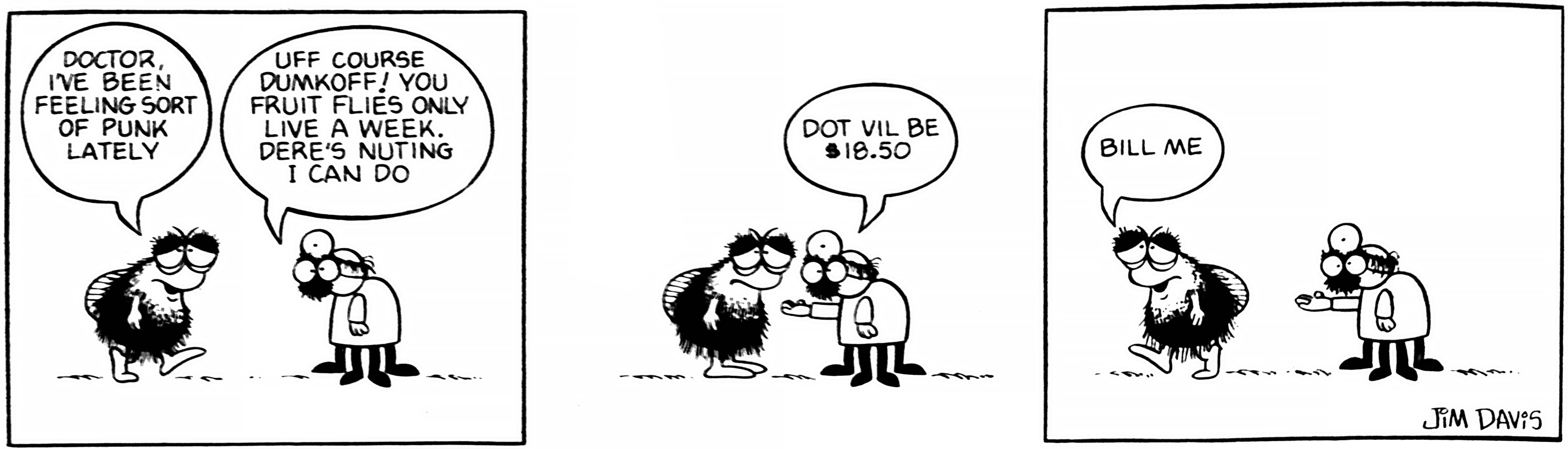

AH...'TIS SPRING! BOY, I DIG SPRING.
"IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY LIGHTLY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF LOVE."
TENNYSON ISN'T IT?
IF I'VE HEARD THAT ONE ONCE, I'VE HEARD IT A MILLION TIMES. RIGHT FRANK?
PRETTY HACKNEYED STUFF, RALPH
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

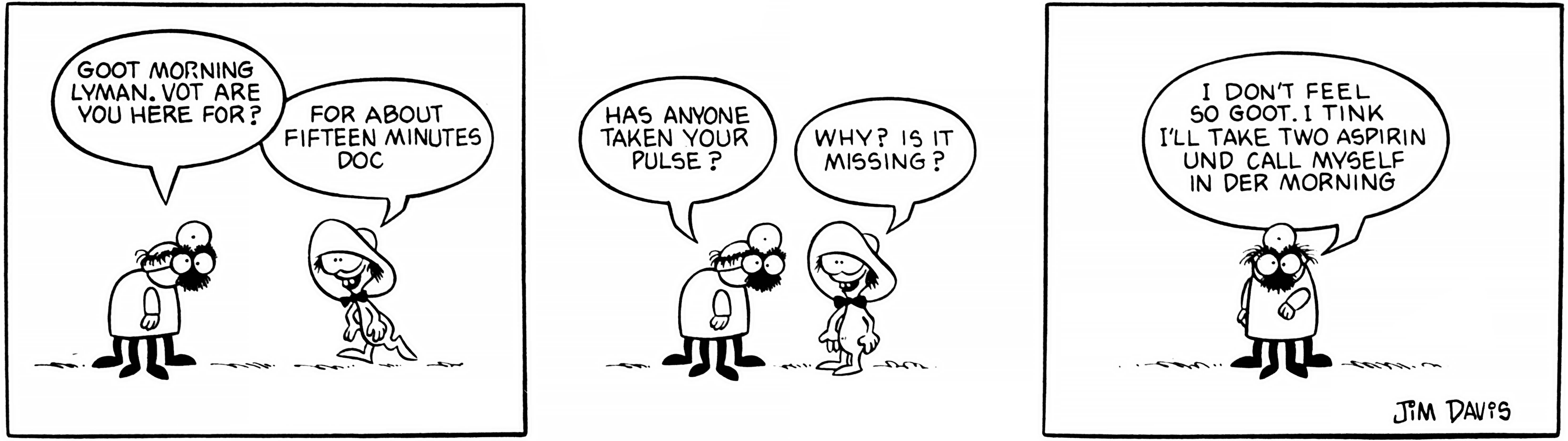
Thursday, May 30, 1974


I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS FLOWER TO NATASHA AND WIN HER HEART
TAP TAP TAP
AN' THEN, AGAIN... I MIGHT JUST GIVE HER A NICE BOX OF CANDY

Gnorm Gnat


DOCTOR, I'VE BEEN FEELING SORT OF PUNK LATELY
UFF COURSE DUMKOFF! YOU FRUIT FLIES ONLY LIVE A WEEK. DERE'S NUTING I CAN DO
DOT VIL BE $18.50
BILL ME
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


GOOT MORNING LYMAN. VOT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES DOC
HAS ANYONE TAKEN YOUR PULSE?
WHY? IS IT MISSING?
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOT. I TINK I'LL TAKE TWO ASPIRIN UND CALL MYSELF IN DER MORNING
JIM DAVIS

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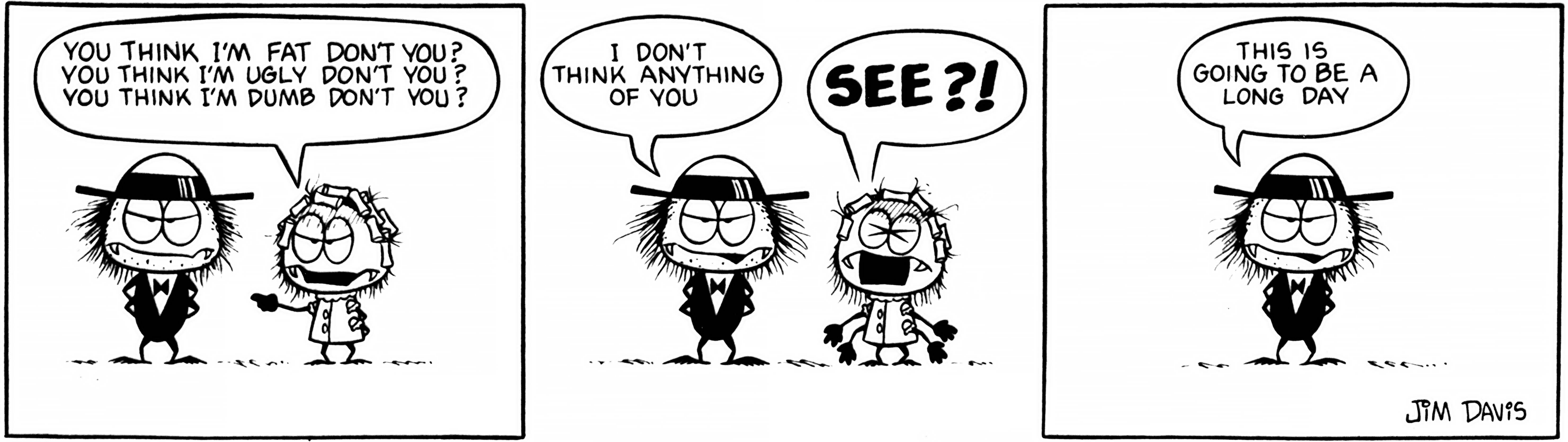
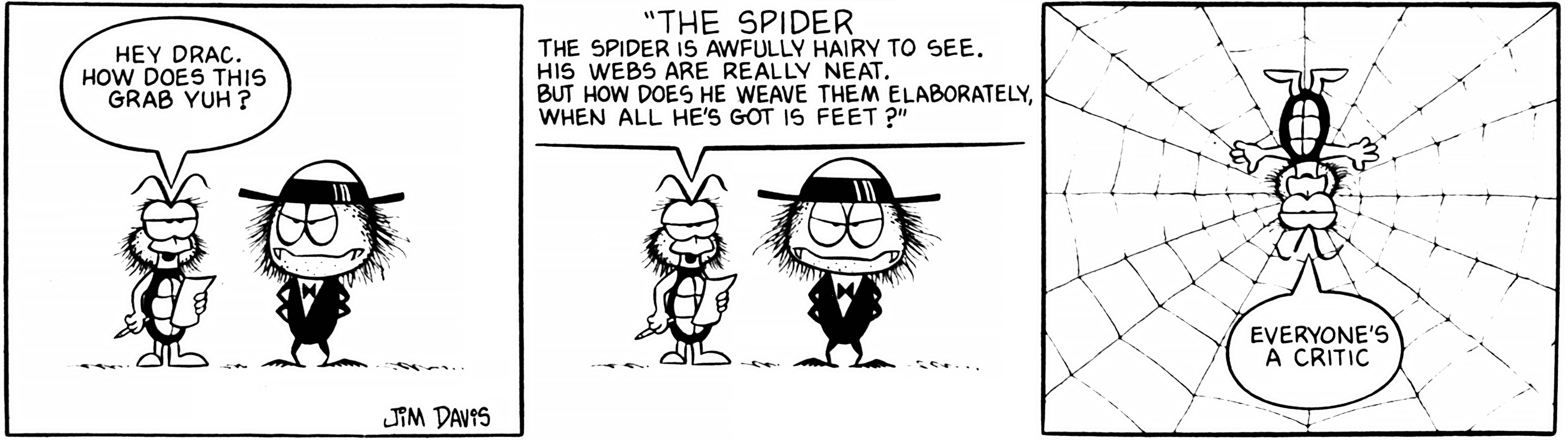
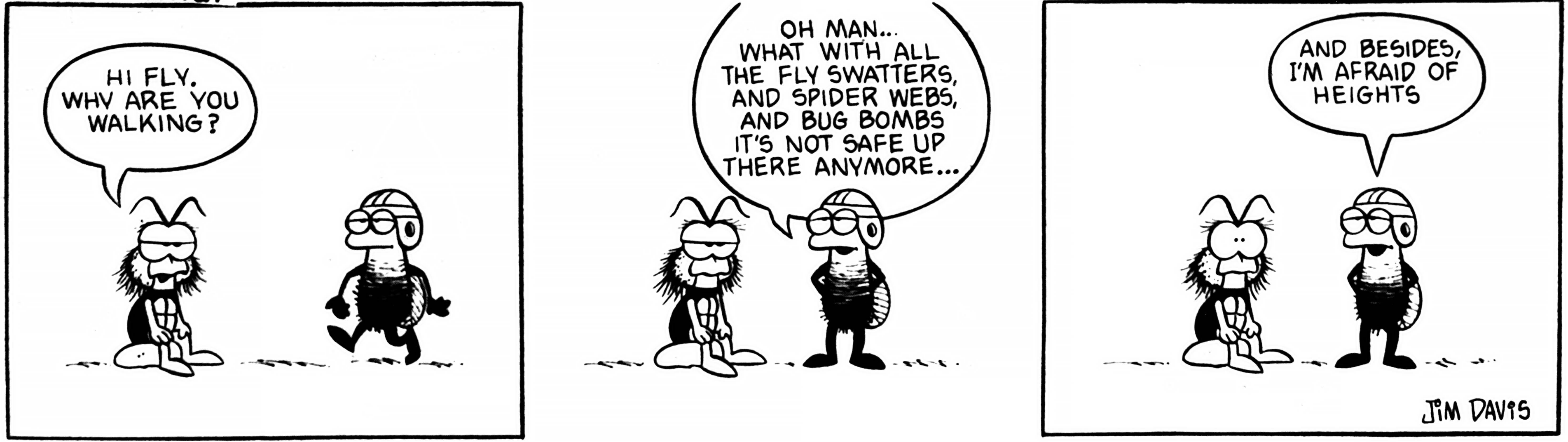
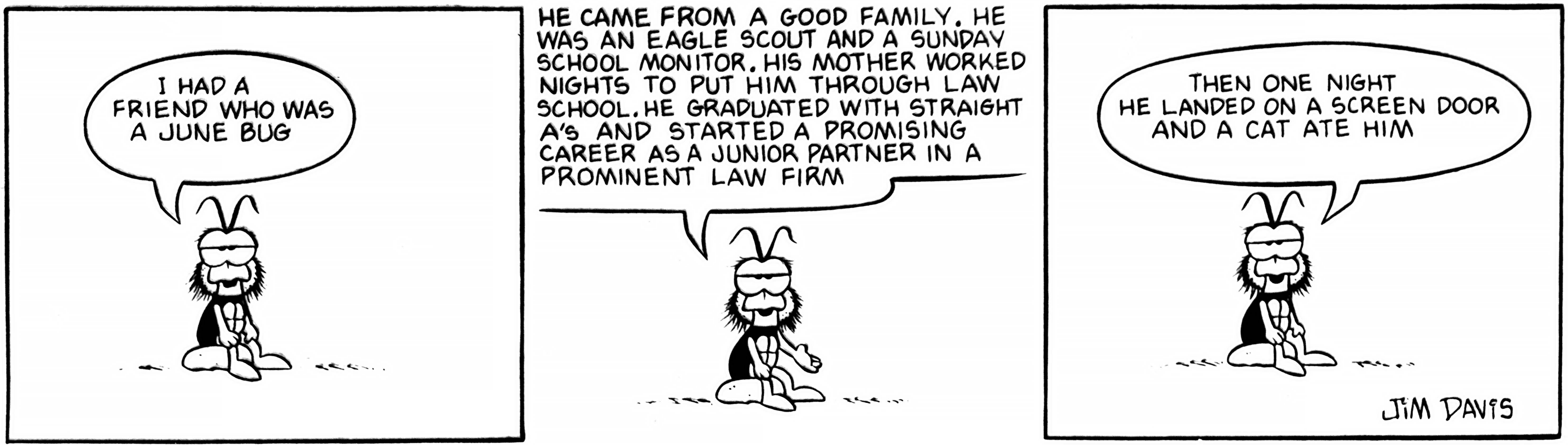

YOU THINK I'M FAT DON'T YOU? YOU THINK I'M UGLY DON'T YOU? YOU THINK I'M DUMB DON'T YOU?
I DON'T THINK ANYTHING OF YOU
SEE?!
THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG DAY
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

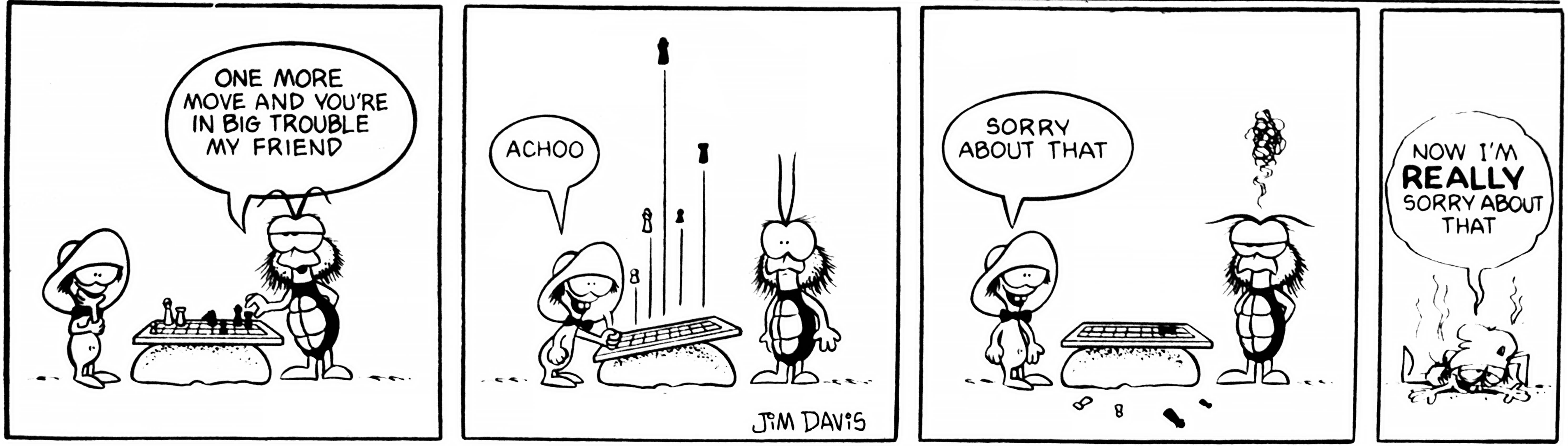

HEY DRAC. HOW DOES THIS GRAB YUH?
JIM DAVIS
"THE SPIDER
THE SPIDER IS AWFULLY HAIRY TO SEE.
HIS WEBS ARE REALLY NEAT.
BUT HOW DOES HE WEAVE THEM ELABORATELY,
WHEN ALL HE'S GOT IS FEET?"
EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Gnorm Gnat


HI FLY. WHY ARE YOU WALKING?
OH MAN... WHAT WITH ALL THE FLY SWATTERS, AND SPIDER WEBS, AND BUG BOMBS IT'S NOT SAFE UP THERE ANYMORE...
AND BESIDES, I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS
JIM DAVIS


I HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS A JUNE BUG
HE CAME FROM A GOOD FAMILY. HE WAS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND A SUNDAY SCHOOL MONITOR. HIS MOTHER WORKED NIGHTS TO PUT HIM THROUGH LAW SCHOOL. HE GRADUATED WITH STRAIGHT A'S AND STARTED A PROMISING CAREER AS A JUNIOR PARTNER IN A PROMINENT LAW FIRM
THEN ONE NIGHT HE LANDED ON A SCREEN DOOR AND A CAT ATE HIM
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


ONE MORE MOVE AND YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE MY FRIEND
ACHOO
JIM DAVIS
SORRY ABOUT THAT
NOW I'M **REALLY** SORRY ABOUT THAT

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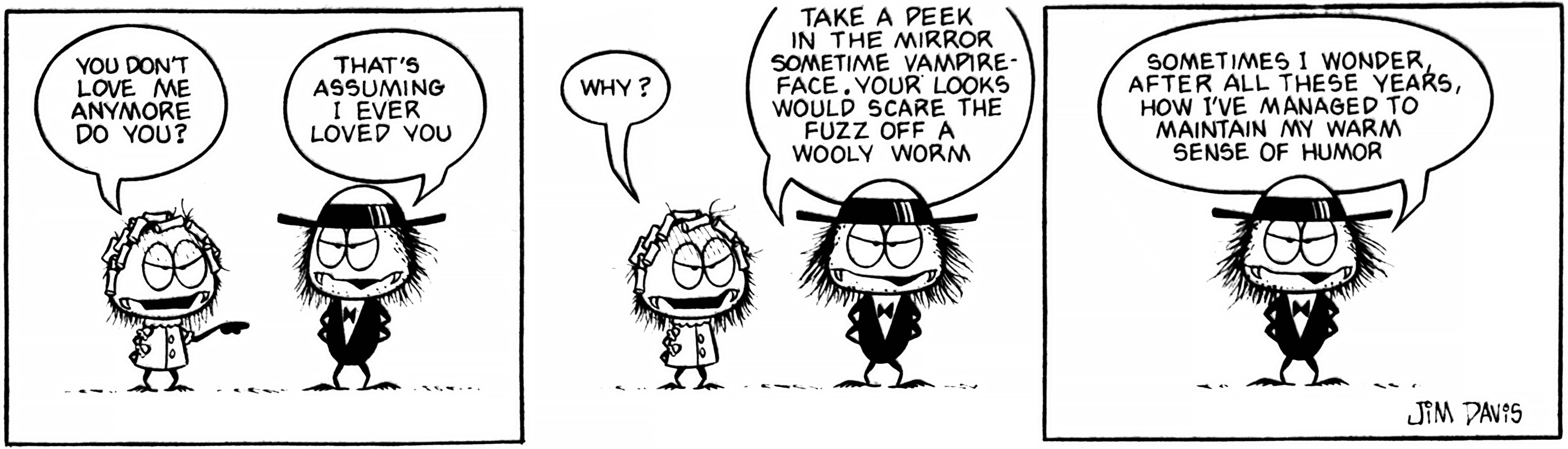
YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANYMORE DO YOU?
THAT'S ASSUMING I EVER LOVED YOU
WHY?
TAKE A PEEK IN THE MIRROR SOMETIME VAMPIRE-FACE. YOUR LOOKS WOULD SCARE THE FUZZ OFF A WOOLY WORM
SOMETIMES I WONDER, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, HOW I'VE MANAGED TO MAINTAIN MY WARM SENSE OF HUMOR
JIM DAVIS

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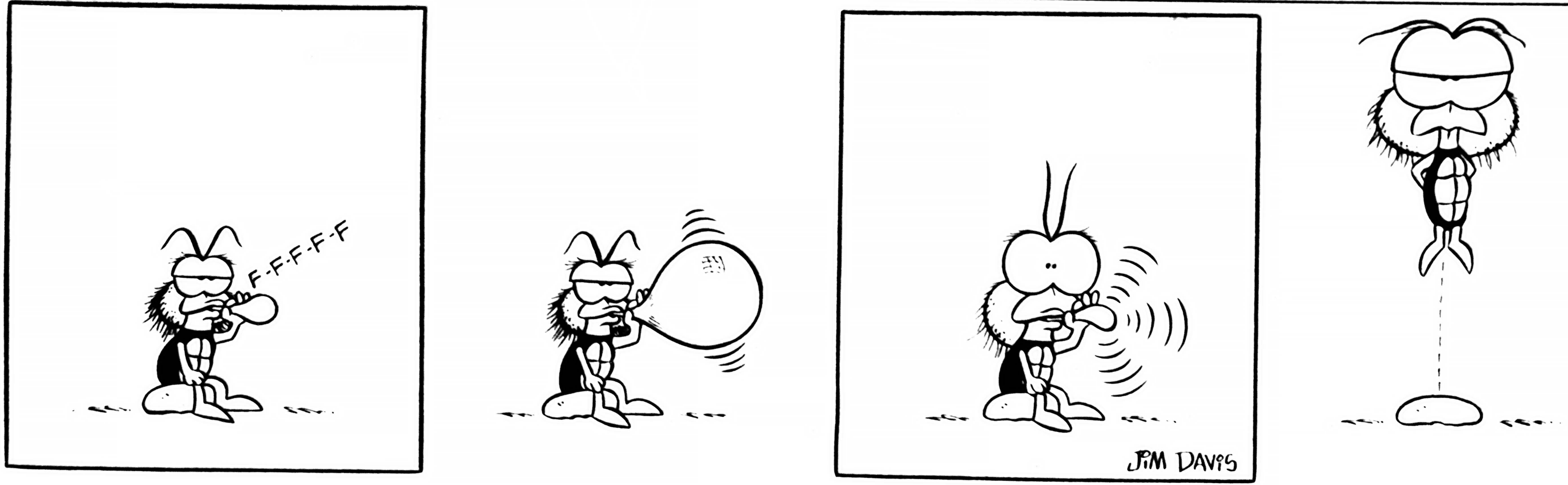

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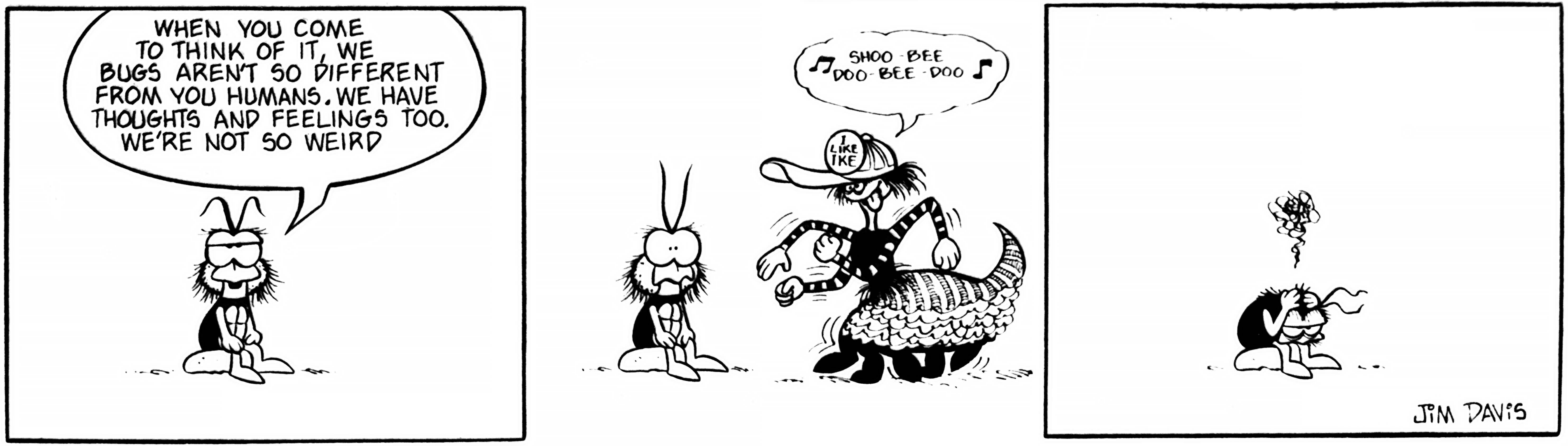
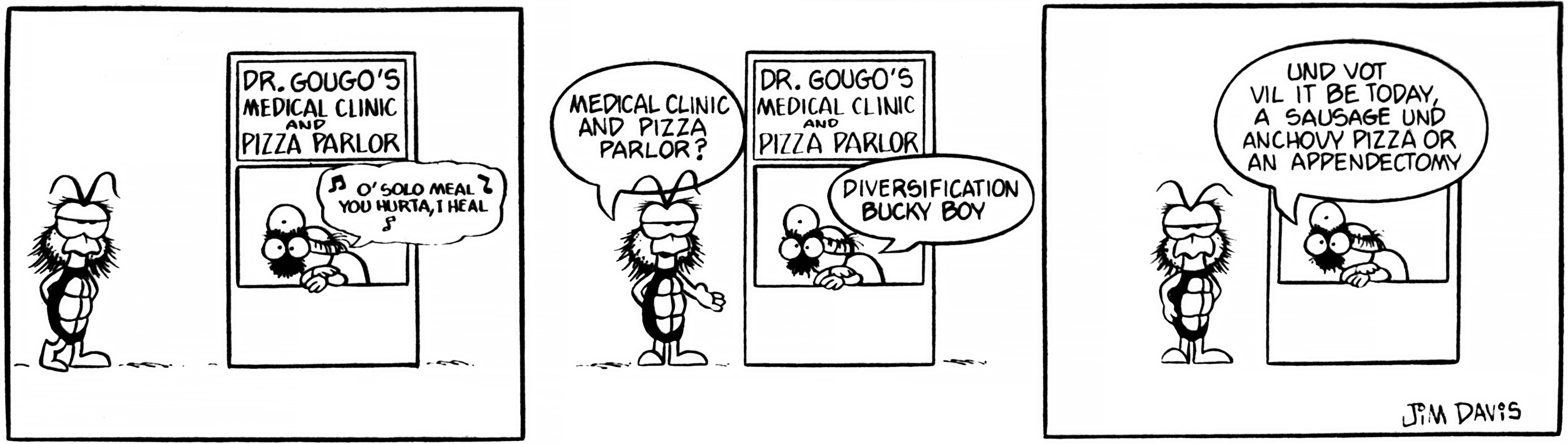

WHEN YOU COME TO THINK OF IT, WE BUGS AREN'T SO DIFFERENT FROM YOU HUMANS. WE HAVE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS TOO. WE'RE NOT SO WEIRD
♫ SHOO-BEE DOO-BEE-DOO ♪
I LIKE IKE
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


DR. GOUGO'S MEDICAL CLINIC AND PIZZA PARLOR
O' SOLO MEAL YOU HURTA, I HEAL
MEDICAL CLINIC AND PIZZA PARLOR?
DR. GOUGO'S MEDICAL CLINIC AND PIZZA PARLOR
DIVERSIFICATION BUCKY BOY
UND VOT VIL IT BE TODAY, A SAUSAGE UND ANCHOVY PIZZA OR AN APPENDECTOMY
JIM DAVIS

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WIPE THAT SMIRK OFF YOUR FACE AND DIRECT ME TO THE NEAREST BALE OF COTTON
JIM DAVIS

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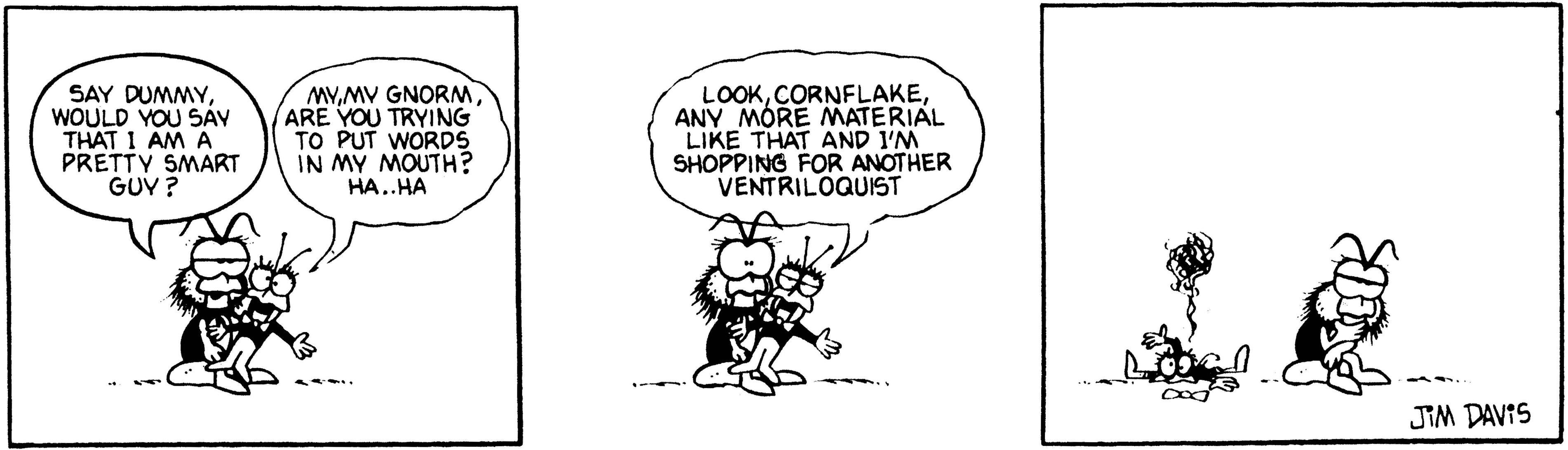
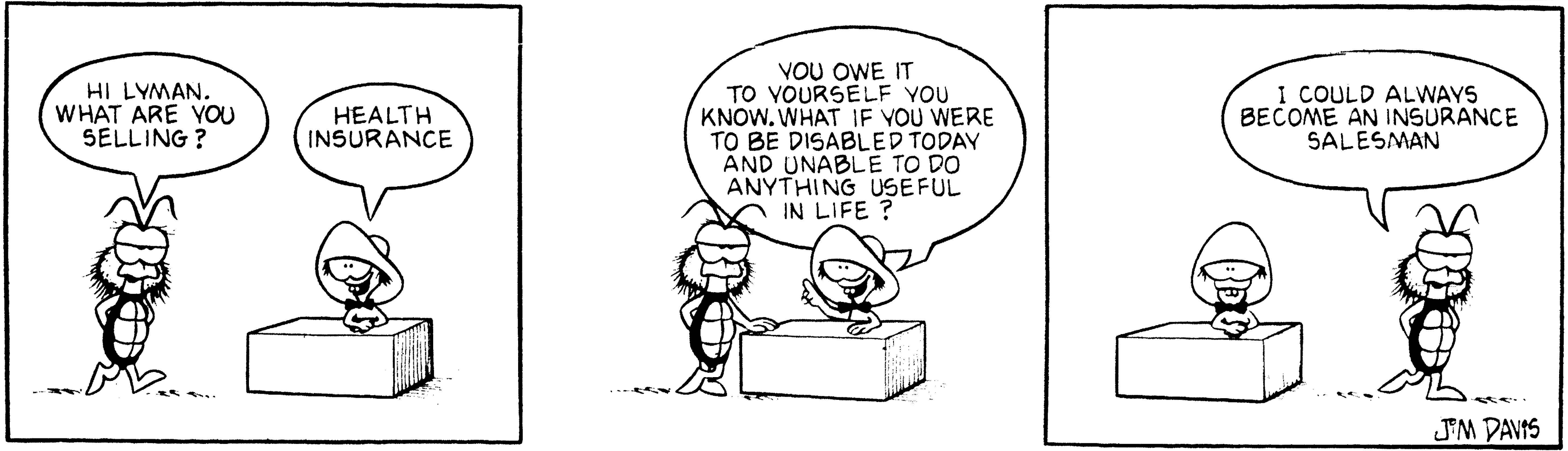
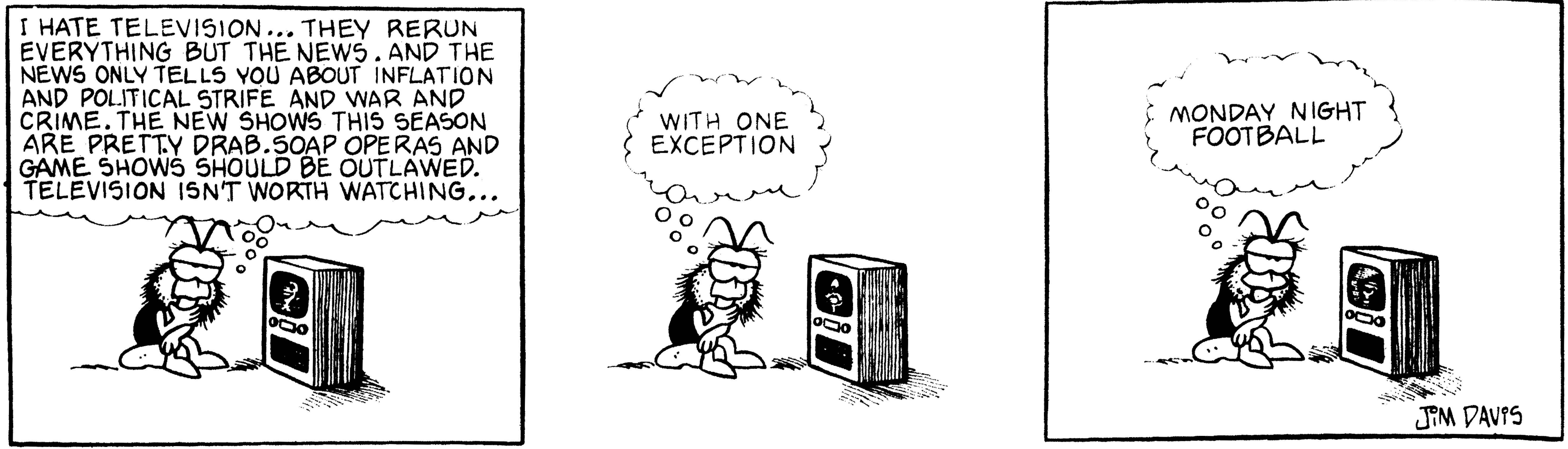

SAY DUMMY, WOULD YOU SAY THAT I AM A PRETTY SMART GUY?
MY, MY GNORM, ARE YOU TRYING TO PUT WORDS IN MY MOUTH? HA..HA
LOOK, CORNFLAKE, ANY MORE MATERIAL LIKE THAT AND I'M SHOPPING FOR ANOTHER VENTRILOQUIST
JIM DAVIS

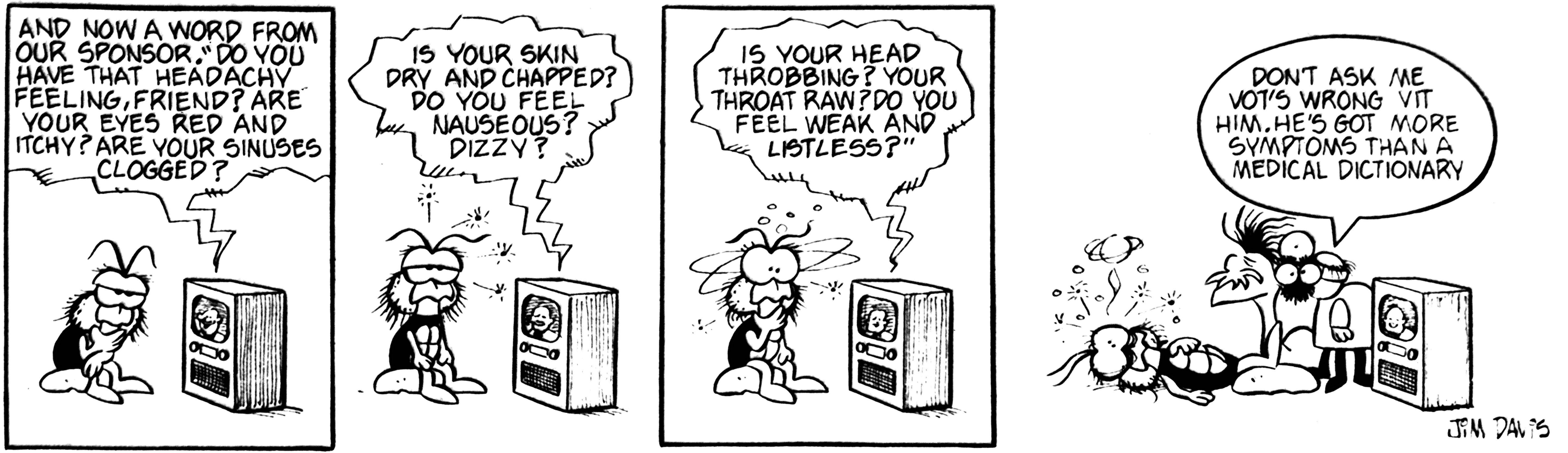
Gnorm Gnat


HI LYMAN. WHAT ARE YOU SELLING?
HEALTH INSURANCE
YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF YOU KNOW. WHAT IF YOU WERE TO BE DISABLED TODAY AND UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING USEFUL IN LIFE?
I COULD ALWAYS BECOME AN INSURANCE SALESMAN
JIM DAVIS

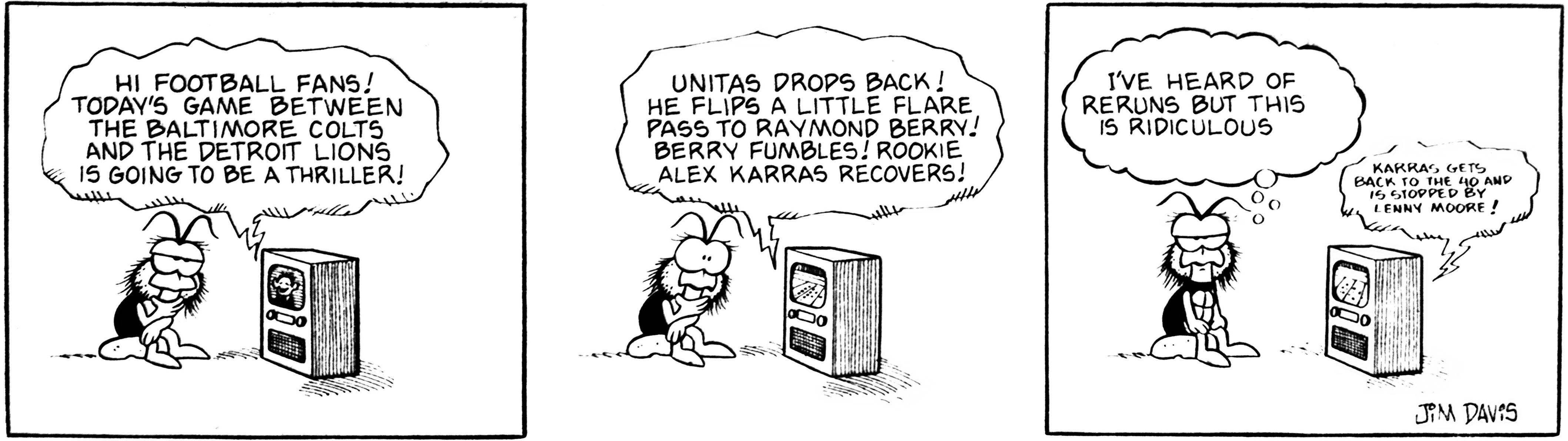
Gnorm Gnat


I HATE TELEVISION... THEY RERUN EVERYTHING BUT THE NEWS. AND THE NEWS ONLY TELLS YOU ABOUT INFLATION AND POLITICAL STRIFE AND WAR AND CRIME. THE NEW SHOWS THIS SEASON ARE PRETTY DRAB. SOAP OPERAS AND GAME SHOWS SHOULD BE OUTLAWED. TELEVISION ISN'T WORTH WATCHING...
WITH ONE EXCEPTION
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
JIM DAVIS

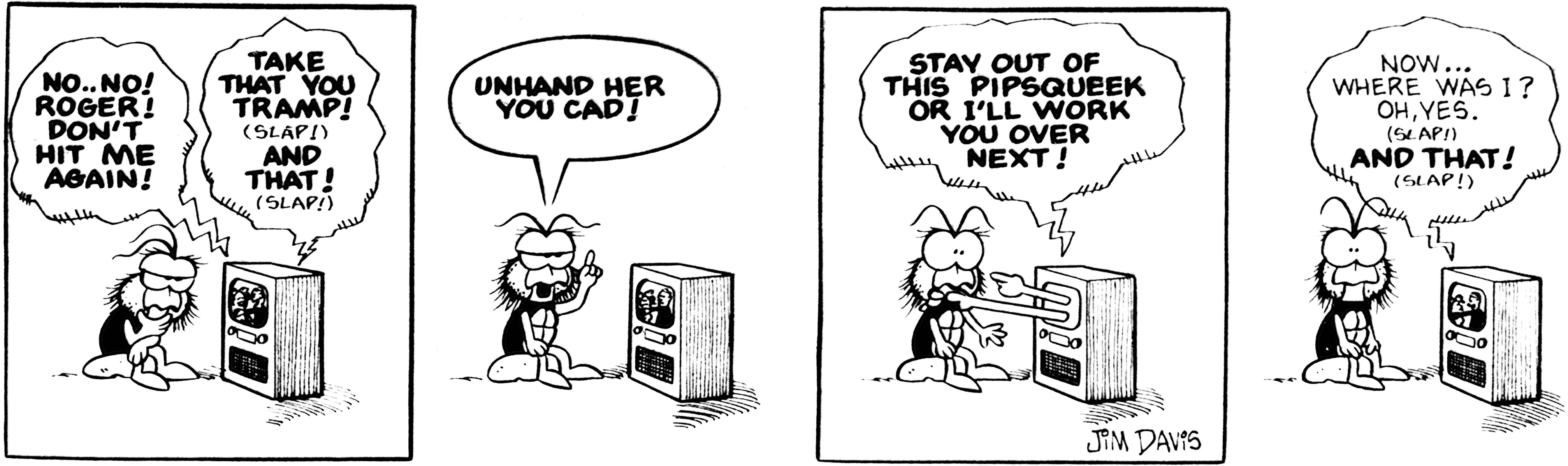
Gnorm Gnat


AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR. "DO YOU HAVE THAT HEADACHY FEELING, FRIEND? ARE YOUR EYES RED AND ITCHY? ARE YOUR SINUSES CLOGGED?
IS YOUR SKIN DRY AND CHAPPED? DO YOU FEEL NAUSEOUS? DIZZY?
IS YOUR HEAD THROBBING? YOUR THROAT RAW? DO YOU FEEL WEAK AND LISTLESS?"
DON'T ASK ME VOT'S WRONG VIT HIM. HE'S GOT MORE SYMPTOMS THAN A MEDICAL DICTIONARY
JIM DAVIS

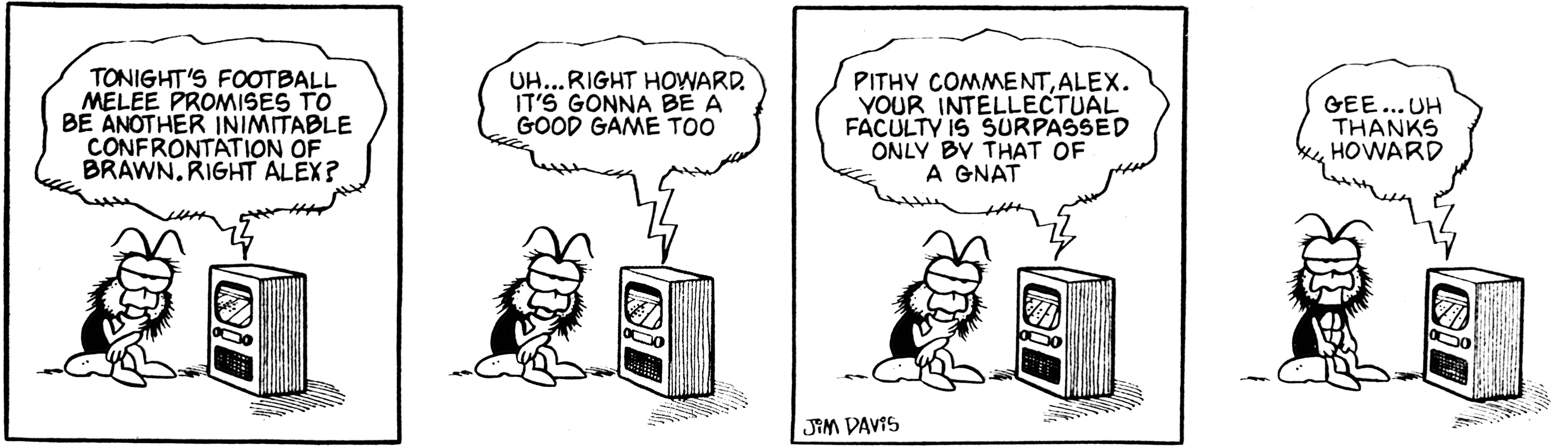
Gnorm Gnat


HI FOOTBALL FANS! TODAY'S GAME BETWEEN THE BALTIMORE COLTS AND THE DETROIT LIONS IS GOING TO BE A THRILLER!
UNITAS DROPS BACK! HE FLIPS A LITTLE FLARE PASS TO RAYMOND BERRY! BERRY FUMBLES! ROOKIE ALEX KARRAS RECOVERS!
I'VE HEARD OF RERUNS BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS
KARRAS GETS BACK TO THE 40 AND IS STOPPED BY LENNY MOORE!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


NO..NO! ROGER! DON'T HIT ME AGAIN!
TAKE THAT YOU TRAMP! (SLAP!) AND THAT! (SLAP!)
UNHAND HER YOU CAD!
STAY OUT OF THIS PIPSQUEEK OR I'LL WORK YOU OVER NEXT!
JIM DAVIS
NOW... WHERE WAS I? OH, YES. (SLAP!) AND THAT! (SLAP!)

Gnorm Gnat


TONIGHT'S FOOTBALL MELEE PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER INIMITABLE CONFRONTATION OF BRAWN. RIGHT ALEX?
UH...RIGHT HOWARD. IT'S GONNA BE A GOOD GAME TOO
PITHY COMMENT, ALEX. YOUR INTELLECTUAL FACULTY IS SURPASSED ONLY BY THAT OF A GNAT
GEE...UH THANKS HOWARD
JIM DAVIS

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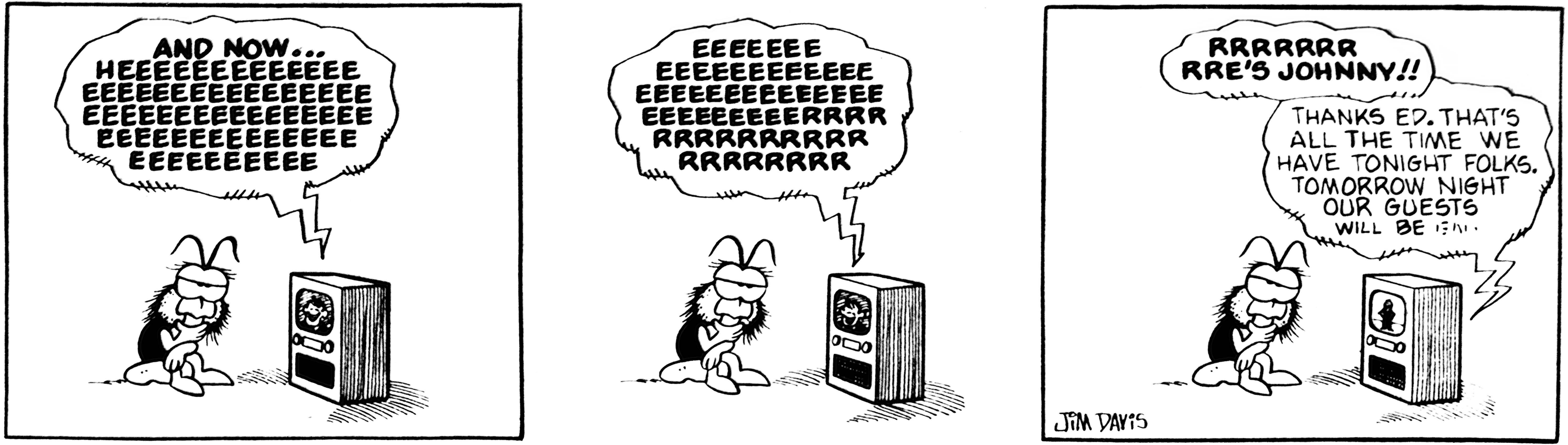
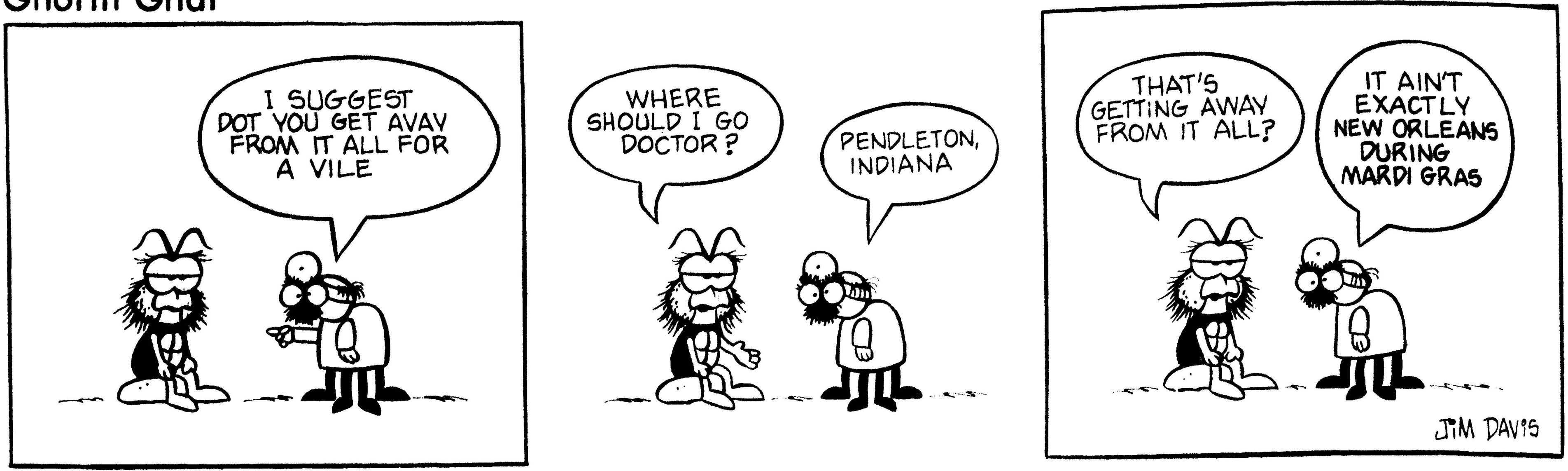
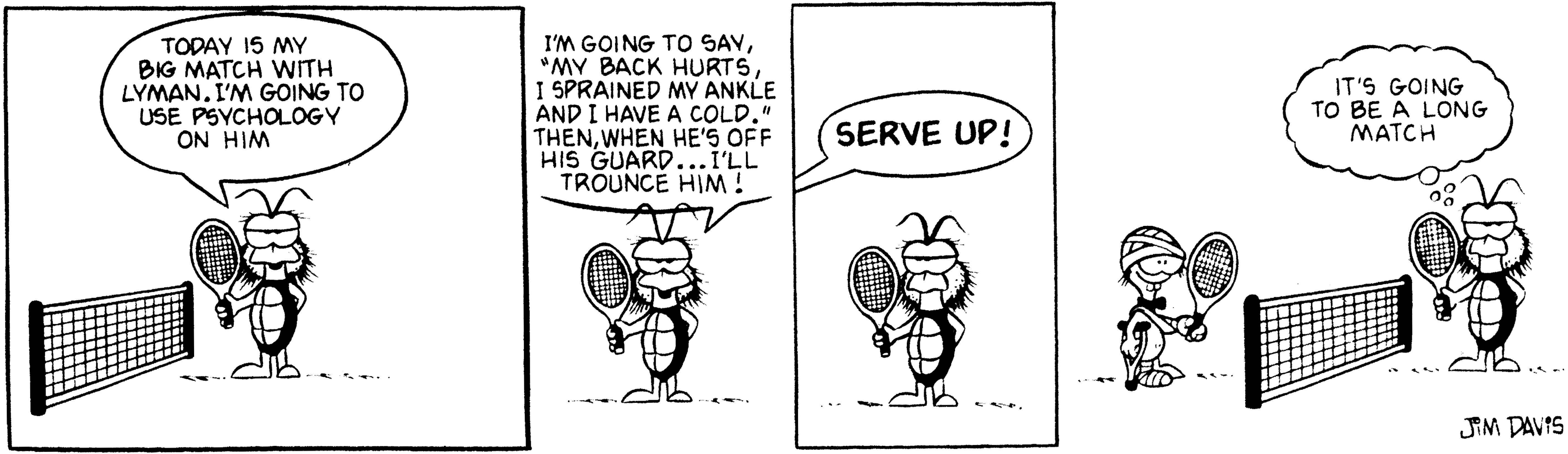

AND NOW... HEEEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEE
EEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEEEE EEEEEEEEERRRR RRRRRRRRRR RRRRRRRR
RRRRRRR RRE'S JOHNNY!!
THANKS ED. THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE TONIGHT FOLKS. TOMORROW NIGHT OUR GUESTS WILL BE
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat


I SUGGEST DOT YOU GET AVAY FROM IT ALL FOR A VILE
WHERE SHOULD I GO DOCTOR?
PENDLETON, INDIANA
THAT'S GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL?
IT AIN'T EXACTLY NEW ORLEANS DURING MARDI GRAS
JIM DAVIS


TODAY IS MY BIG MATCH WITH LYMAN. I'M GOING TO USE PSYCHOLOGY ON HIM
I'M GOING TO SAY, "MY BACK HURTS, I SPRAINED MY ANKLE AND I HAVE A COLD." THEN, WHEN HE'S OFF HIS GUARD... I'LL TROUNCE HIM!
SERVE UP!
IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG MATCH
JIM DAVIS

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Letters to the editor

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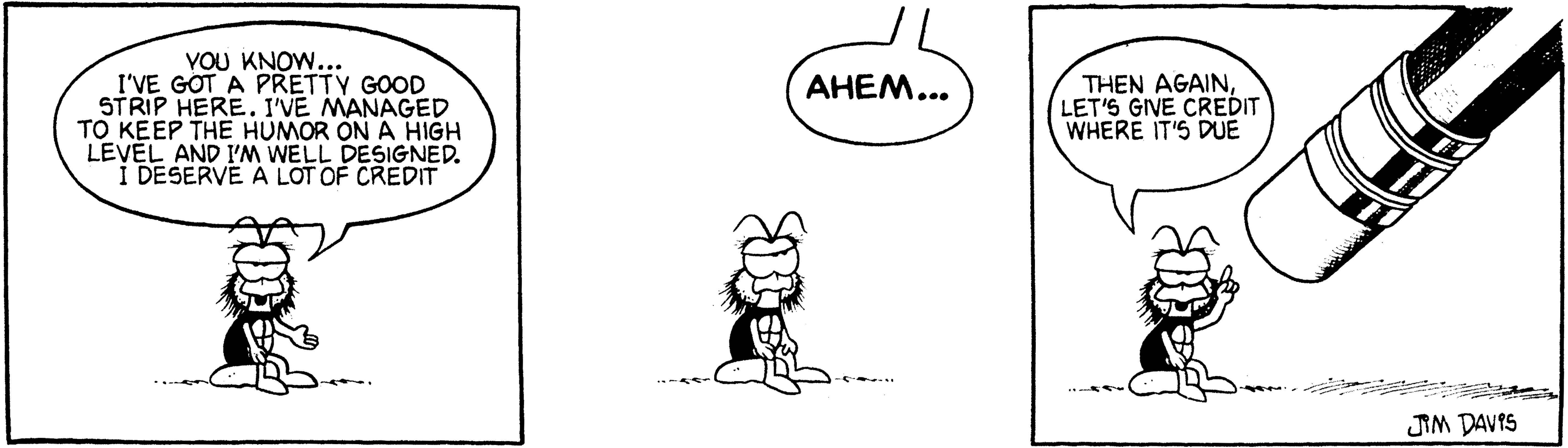
YOU KNOW... I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD STRIP HERE. I'VE MANAGED TO KEEP THE HUMOR ON A HIGH LEVEL AND I'M WELL DESIGNED. I DESERVE A LOT OF CREDIT
AHEM...
THEN AGAIN, LET'S GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE
JIM DAVIS

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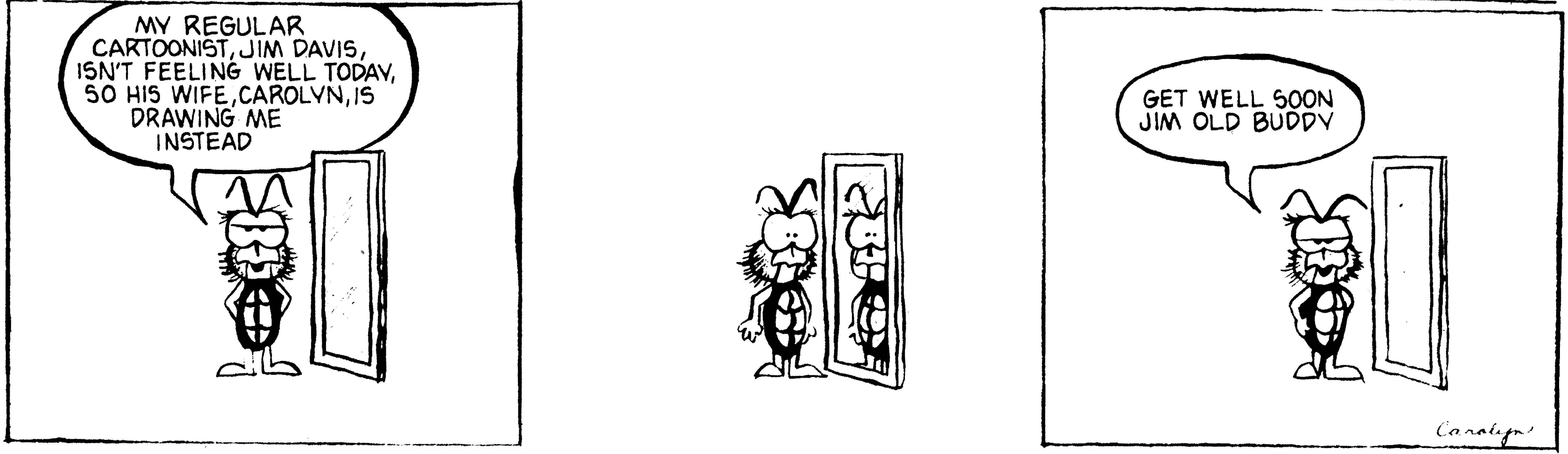
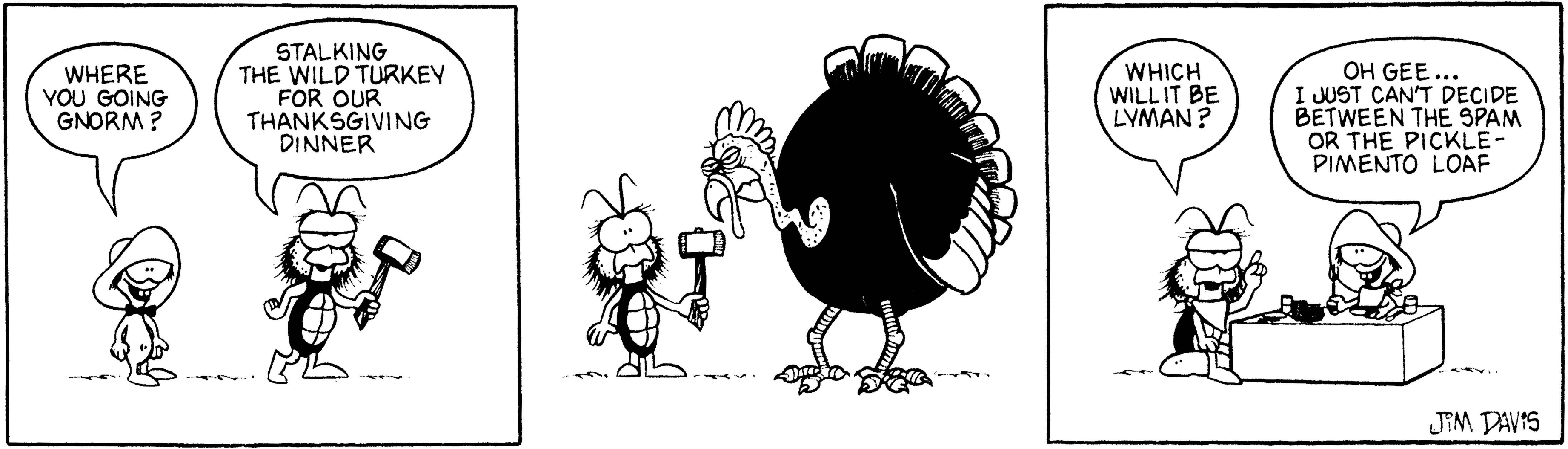

MY REGULAR CARTOONIST, JIM DAVIS, ISN'T FEELING WELL TODAY, SO HIS WIFE, CAROLYN, IS DRAWING ME INSTEAD
GET WELL SOON JIM OLD BUDDY
Carolyn

Gnorm Gnat


WHERE YOU GOING GNORM?
STALKING THE WILD TURKEY FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER
WHICH WILL IT BE LYMAN?
OH GEE... I JUST CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN THE SPAM OR THE PICKLE-PIMENTO LOAF
JIM DAVIS

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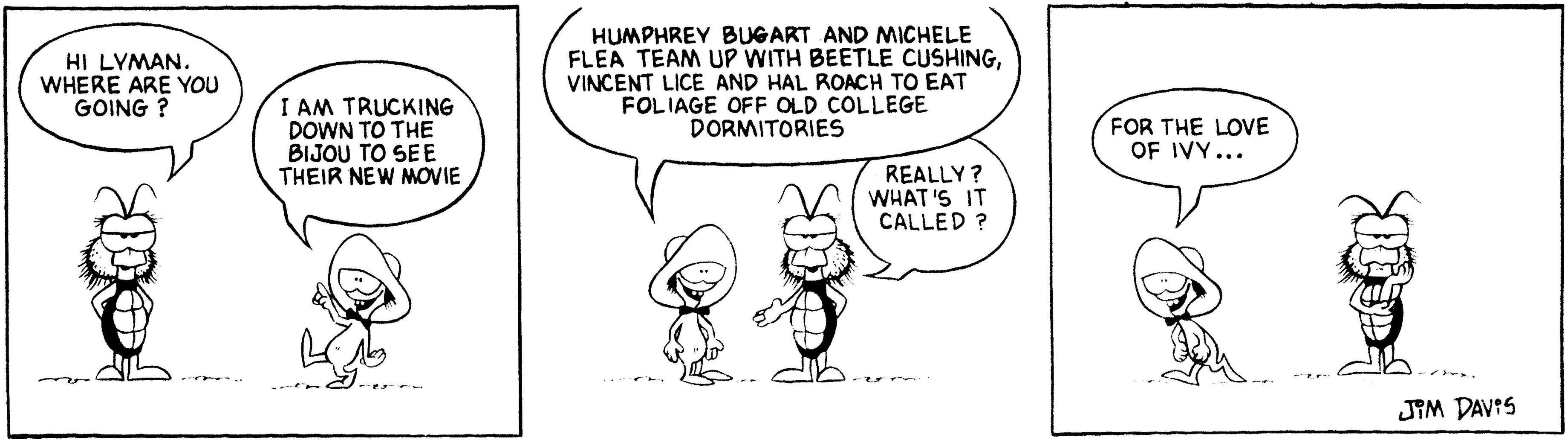
HI LYMAN. WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
I AM TRUCKING DOWN TO THE BIJOU TO SEE THEIR NEW MOVIE
HUMPHREY BUGART AND MICHELE FLEA TEAM UP WITH BEETLE CUSHING, VINCENT LICE AND HAL ROACH TO EAT FOLIAGE OFF OLD COLLEGE DORMITORIES
REALLY ? WHAT'S IT CALLED ?
FOR THE LOVE OF IVY...
JIM DAVIS

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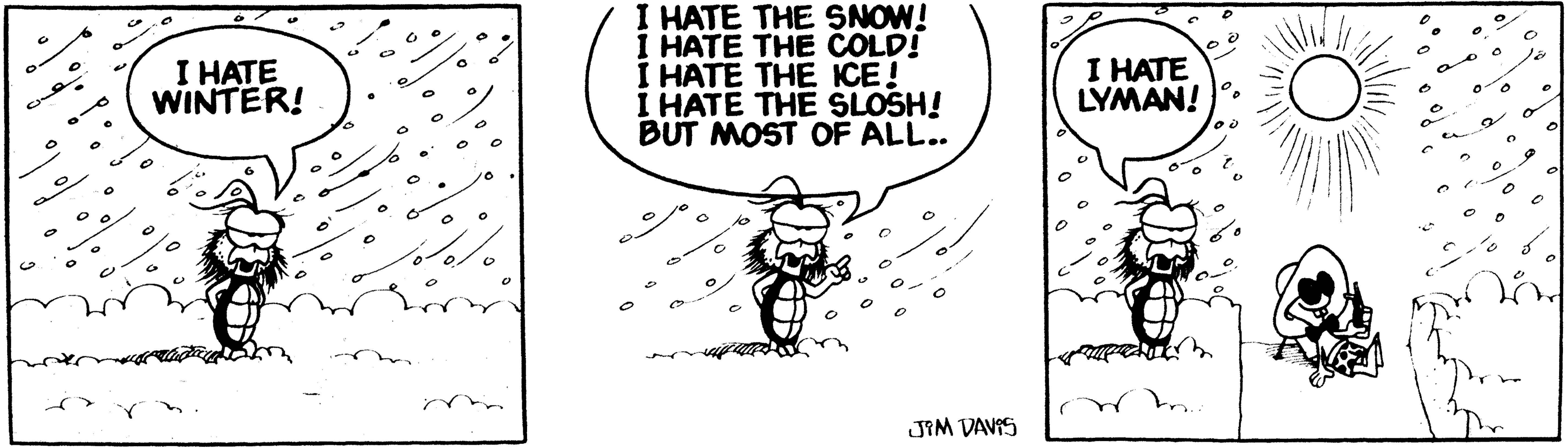
I HATE WINTER!
I HATE THE SNOW! I HATE THE COLD! I HATE THE ICE! I HATE THE SLOSH! BUT MOST OF ALL..
I HATE LYMAN!
JIM DAVIS

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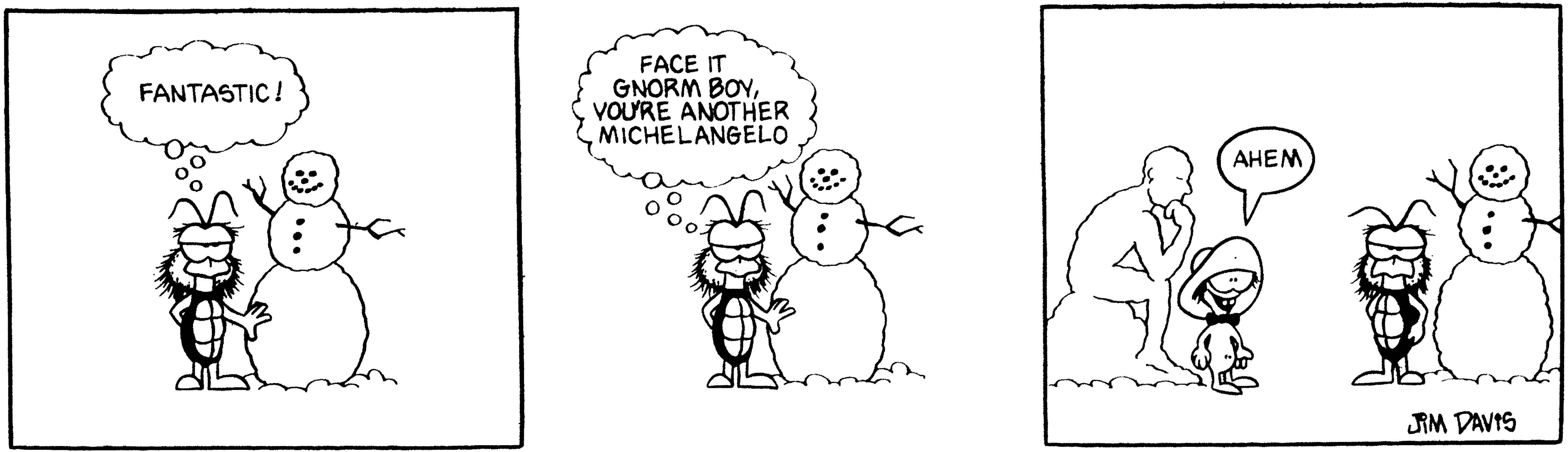
FANTASTIC!
FACE IT GNORM BOY, YOU'RE ANOTHER MICHELANGELO
AHEM
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

BETTER WARM-UP THE OLD THROWING ARM. NOTRE DAME WILL PROBABLY ASK ME TO GIVE THEM A HAND FOR THE ALABAMA GAME
27
AWWW...LOOK HENRY. DA WIDDLE GNAT WANTS TO PWAY FOOTBALL...HEH, HEH...
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18
POOR ARA. WHEN HE HEARS I'M INJURED HE'LL PROBABLY QUIT FOOTBALL
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat
THE PENDLETON TIMES
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THE END OF THE WORLD IS AFOOT!
MUNCH
THE END OF THE WORLD IS AFOOT!
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL IRONY

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS COMIC IS.

THIS WAS SHOWN AS PART OF A 2018 BALL STATE DOCUMENTARY ABOUT JIM DAVIS, DIRECTED BY RYAN SHANK. IT WAS SENT BY PAWS INC. TO REPRESENT JIM'S TALL TALE ABOUT KILLING OFF GNORM IN HIS FINAL ISSUE, ALTHOUGH THE CHARACTER STEPPED ON IN THE COMIC CLEARLY ISN'T HIM. I SEARCHED RELENTLESSLY, BUT I DID NOT FIND THIS COMIC IN THE *PENDLETON* ARCHIVES, MEANING THAT IT NEVER APPEARED IN THE PAPER.

ACCORDING TO RYAN, THE IMAGE THEY WERE SENT LOOKED LIKE A PHOTO OR LOW-QUALITY SCAN OF A PIECE OF PAPER, WITH THE WHITES FADED TO BROWN. SOME *GARFIELD* ANNIVERSARY BOOKS HAVE PRINTED SIMILAR EARLY SKETCHES OF *JON* COMICS WHICH WERE NOT FINISHED. THUS, UNLESS I SOMEHOW MISSED IT, THIS IS LIKELY A COMIC JIM DREW THAT DIDN'T GO AS FAR AS BEING PRINTED.

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RESTORE THE QUALITY USING THE REMINI APP.

Gnorm Gnat

HI GNORMAN. MAKE ANY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?
YES I HAVE LYMAN
I HAVE RESOLVED TO NEVER AGAIN SET YOU UP FOR ANYMORE OF YOUR ROTTEN PUNS
I MADE A RESOLUTION TOO. I HAVE RESOLVED TO PAINT MY CAR GREEN AND SNU
WHAT'S SNU?
I THINK I JUST GONE AN' DONE IT AGAIN
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

BOY... THAT NOTRE DAME-ALABAMA GAME WAS REALLY SOMETHING
I WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR MY RELIGION
MY CHURCH DOESN'T BELIEVE IN BLEEDING ON SATURDAY
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

January 16, 1975

YOUR RETURN WAS CLOSE GNORM BUT IT WAS A SHADE OUT OF BOUNDS
THE HECK IT WAS!
LOOK, FUZZ-FACE, I WAS ON TOP OF IT! I OUGHTA KNOW!
WHY YOU LYING LITTLE SHRIMP! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO WEAR THIS AROUND YOUR NECK?!!
I'M READY IF YOU ARE
I'M WARMED UP. LET'S START THE GAME
JIM DAVIS

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Gnorm Gnat

January 23, 1975 The Pendleton Times Page 3

MY GIRLFRIEND, NATASHA, WON'T SO MUCH AS GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY. TO DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE FOR HER, I SHALL JUMP FROM "LOVER'S LEAP"
LOVER'S LEAP
LOVER'S LEAP
SOME DAY
LOVER'S LEAP
JIM DAVIS

FUN FACT: THIS IS THE ONLY GNORM GNAT COMIC TO HAVE EVER BEEN PRINTED TWICE IN *THE PENDLETON TIMES*. FIRST, HERE, ON 1/23/1975. THE SECOND WAS ON 9/3/2008, AS PART OF A RETROSPECTIVE ON THE PAPER'S HISTORY. BY THAT TIME, IT WAS KNOWN AS *THE TIMES-POST*.

DON'T JUMP OFF LOVER'S LEAP GNORM!
I MUST DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE FOR NATASHA!
SHE ISN'T WORTH IT!
SHE'S WORTH 20 JUMPS! MAYBE EVEN 22 OR 23!
BUT... YOU'LL BE KILLED!
GOOD POINT
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

PUSH!
ZIP
DON'T LOOK AT ME. BUSINESS AIN'T BEEN SO HOT LATELY
JIM DAVIS

Board opens bids for wrestling mats

**GIVE A HOOT
DON'T POLLUTE**

Gnorm Gnat

SAY, DOC. I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
DEN YOU CAME TO DER RIGHT FELLER! VOT SEEMS TO TO BE DER PROBLEM?
I SEEM TO BE SUFFERING FORMINA OF THE ABDOMINAL REGION
I'VE GOT A TUMMY-ACHE
OH!
JIM DAVIS

Others' Opinions

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Gnorm Gnat

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR... BLAH ♫♪ BLAH,..BLAH BLAH ♫♪
WELCOME BACK
MY NEXT GUEST IS THE ONE YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. HE'LL BE WITH ME IN A MOMENT
JIM DAVIS
BUT FIRST, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

Gnorm Gnat

HERE'S VUN FOR YOU GNORM BOY! VOT'S BLUE UND GREEN MIT SPOTS ALL OVER IT ?
I DON'T KNOW DOC... WHAT ?
VUN OF MY PATIENTS
WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT THAT ?
NUTTING. I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DER HECK'S WRONG MIT HIM !
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

GNORM! SOMEONE'S STEALING YOUR HUB CAPS!
SERVICE!
CLOP!
POINT, GAME, SET, MATCH
I DON'T EVEN OWN A CAR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

YOU GOTTA TALK TO THESE PLANTS TO MAKE THEM HAPPY. WATCH ME CHARM THIS FERN
DOES FERNY-WERNY WANT SOME WA-WA FOR HIS TUM-TUM ?
YOU'RE BEGINNING TO BORE ME BOY... EITHER SAY SOMETHING RELEVANT OR KEEP YOUR FAT TRAP SHUT!
THIS COULD SET BOTANY BACK 25 YEARS

Gnorm Gnat

HAPPY EASTER
...FROM THE EASTER GNAT...
HIPPITY
HOP
HIPPITY
HOP
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

AARRRRGH!!
NOTHING LIKE A SNAPPY COMEBACK TO GET OUT OF A HAIRY SITUATION...

Gnorm Gnat

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK AFTER THIS WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR...
JIM DAVIS

Fire damage to home

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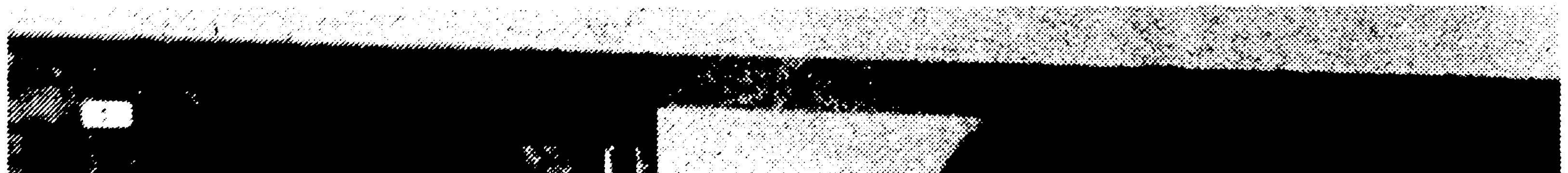
Gnorm Gnat

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK AFTER THIS WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
"AARDVARK"
WELCOME BACK
JIM DAVIS



Willis resigns principal's post

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gnorm Gnat

FACE IT GNORM BOY, YOU'RE NOT THE BRIGHTEST GUY AROUND. YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY NUMERO UNO IN THE SMARTS DEPARTMENT. YOU'VE STRIPPED YOUR GEARS IN THE TRANSMISSION OF LIFE
THERE'S ONLY ONE CONSOLATION
YOU'D WIN HANDS DOWN IN A ROBERT REDFORD LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST
JiM DAViS

Gnorm Gnat

HO BOY! ARE YOU LUCKY I'M HERE! YER GOINK TO HAFF AN APPENDICITUS ATTACK ANY MINUTE NOW!
JIM DAVIS
UH... HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT DOC?
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY NEW ASSOCIATE, BRUNO APPENDICITUS..

Millstream Memos

Two women charged with burglary

Two women, Marcia K. Walls, 27, 804 Miami Drive, Pendleton, and Shirley

apprehended.

Further investigation revealed the two

Gnorm Gnat

May 8, 1975

CONGRATULATIONS SIR! YOU ARE MY VUN HUNDREDTH CUSTOMER! YOU VIN FREE MATERNITY CARE FOR YER FIRST CHILD
BUT DOC, I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED
YOU RASCAL YOU!
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

May 22, 1975 The Pendleton Times

WELL, WELL... FREDDY THE FRUIT FLY. FOR HAVING A LIFE SPAN OF ONE WEEK, YOU LOOK CHIPPER. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU TODAY?
GNORM'S WATCH REPAIR
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO FIX MY WATCH?
I'D SA-A-A-A-Y ABOUT TWO WEEKS
KEEP IT
GNORM'S WATCH REPAIR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

I GOT A FAN LETTER TODAY EXTOLLING MY VIRTUES, LAUDING MY WIT AND PRAISING MY GOOD LOOKS AND CHARM
JUST ANOTHER TYPICAL LETTER TO A SUPER STAR
JIM DAVIS

Summer recreation kickoff set for Saturday at park

Church Directory

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
East Water Street

FALL CREEK RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
(2 miles east of Pendleton on S.R. 38)

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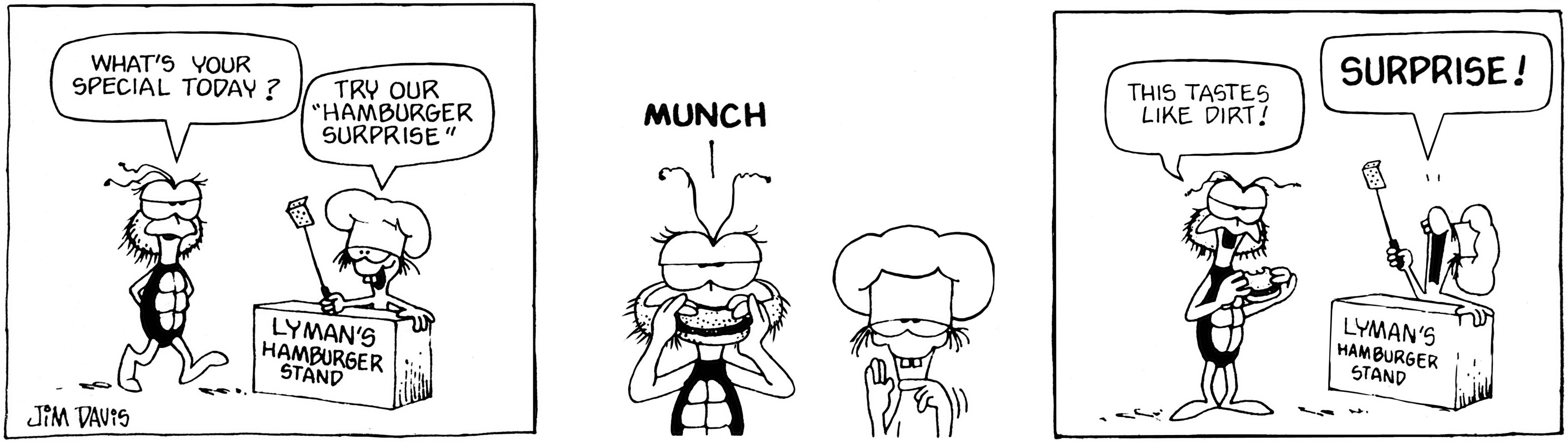

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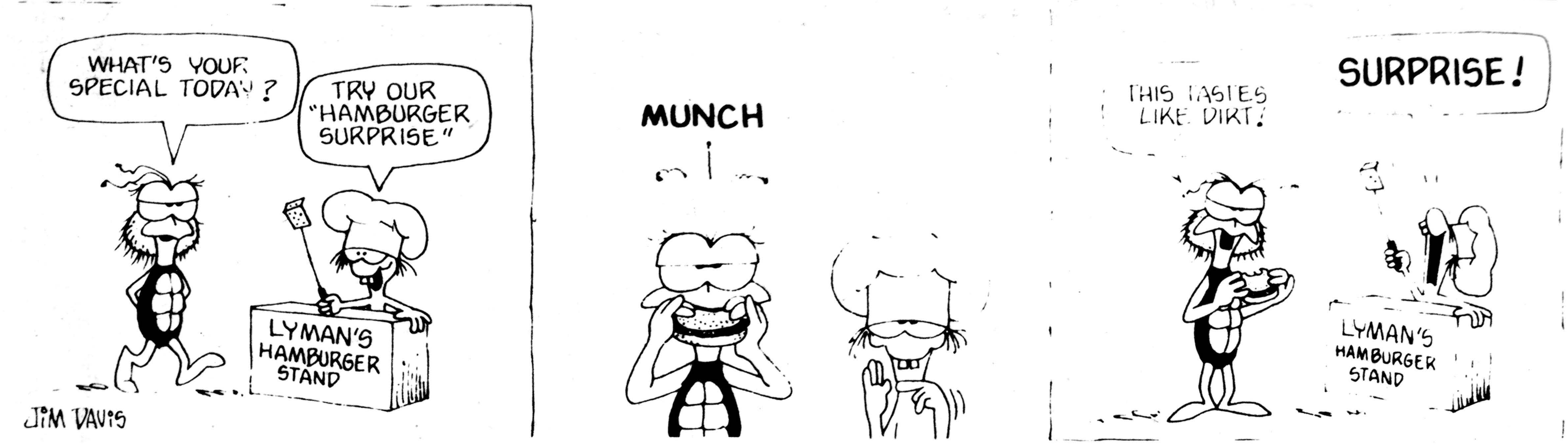

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Gnorm Gnat

WHOCK!!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

DOT DON'T LOOK SO HOT IN DERE BUCKY BOY. DIS CALLS FER SURGERY!
WHAT KIND OF ANESTHETIC DO YOU USE DOC?
ANESTHETIC? VOT'S AN ANESTHETIC?
I TAKE A SIX VEEK'S CORRESPONDENCE COURSE UND DEY EXPECT CHAD EVERETT
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

NOW VE'LL TEST YER REFLEXES. DIS VON'T HURT A BIT
TAP
WHOCK!
SMACK!
THAT HURTS
JIM DAVIS

WHAT'S YOUR BEST WINE?
VINO SLEEZO. VINTAGE 9:20 A.M.
LYMAN'S BAR
SLURP
LYMAN'S BAR
NOT A BAD MINUTE
A TRULY DISCERNING PALATE, SIR
LYMAN'S BAR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

THIS IS MIGHTY TASTY. WHAT IS IT?
IT'S CALLED A HUCKLEBERRY FINN...
LYMAN'S BAR
IT'S HALF HUCKLEBERRY WINE...
LYMAN'S BAR
AND HALF MICKEY FINN
LYMAN'S BAR
JIM DAVIS

GIMME A GLASS OF RIPPLE
LYMAN'S BAR
SNIFF!
ADEQUATE BOUQUET, FULL-BODIED FLAVOR, NICE FINISH
LYMAN'S BAR
NO CLASS, BUT A LOT OF STYLE
LYMAN'S BAR
JIM DAVIS

CAN I HELP YOU?
DR. GOUGO'S MEDICAL CLINIC & CHA-CHA STUDIO
I HAVE A FRIEND WHOSE NOSE WON'T STOP RUNNING
TAKE TWO ASPIRIN UND CALL ME IN DER MORNINK
JIM DAVIS

BOING
BOING
JIM DAVIS

HOW MUCH IS YOUR CADDY SOUP-DEVILLE
$800 WITHOUT EXTRAS
LYMAN'S CAR SALES
TERRIFIC! IS THAT A TWO DOOR?
LYMAN'S CAR SALES
NOW WE TALK EXTRAS
LYMANS CAR SALES
JIM DAVIS

HERE ARE THE KEYS TO YOUR NEW CAR
LYMAN'S CAR SALES
WOW. A NEW CAR FOR ONLY $800!!!
WITHOUT EXTRAS OF COURSE
LYMAN'S CAR SALES
OH SIR, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME RUBBER ON THOSE TIRES?
LYMAN'S CAR SALES
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

GEE, WHAT A GREAT SEAT FOR THE GAME. GOT MY BAG OF POPCORN AN' I'M READY FOR FOOTBALL...
GO TEAM
JIM DAVIS
I'M KIND OF WARM
GO TEAM
MAYBE I SHOULD TURN THE THERMOSTAT DOWN
GO TEAM

I THINK I'LL RUN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
IT WON'T BE EASY, OF COURSE, ME BEING A GNAT. FIRST I'LL RUN FOR THE SENATE, THEN...
JIM DAVIS

I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM...
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
AND WELL YOU SHOULD
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

HOW WILL YOU CURB OVERPOPULATION?
I WILL REINSTATE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
THAT WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS?
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

CAN I HELP YOU?
DR. GOUGO'S MEDICAL CLINIC & CHA-CHA STUDIO
I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR AND IT'S WEARING ME OUT
VELL DEN... TRY WALKING FOR MAYOR
JIM DAVIS

Halloween parade set for Saturday

HOW DO YOU FORESEE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ON ELECTION DAY ?
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
WELL, AS I SEE IT, IF I GET MORE VOTES, MY CHANCES WILL BE PRETTY FAIR. IF I DON'T, I COULD POSSIBLY LOSE, MAYBE
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
GNORM GNAT FOR MAYOR
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

BOY... WHAT A ROTTEN DEAL, ME LOSING THE MAYOR'S RACE.
I COULD HAVE HAD TWICE THE VOTES
BUT MY MOTHER HAD TO BREAK HER LEG ON THE WAY TO THE POLLS
JIM DAVIS

Politicians stymie energy search

EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS GOING YOUR WAY?
EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN YOU HAVE THE WORLD RIGHT IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND?
WHAP!!
JIM DAVIS
IT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE DAYS

Gnorm Gnat

MY TRICK KNEE WENT OUT AGAIN DOC
FOR $4,000 I COULD OPERATE UND HAFF YOU WALKING AS GOOD AS EFFER
JIM DAVIS
$4,000 ?
HOW ABOUT $22.50 UND A SLIGHT LIMP?

Gnorm Gnat December 11, 1975

DEAL'EM FROM THE TOP THERE PAL. NOTHING PERSONAL BUT THE WILL TO WIN DOES STRANGE THINGS TO PEOPLE. IT'S ONLY A GAME YOU KNOW
BOY WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR SOME POTATO CHIPS AND SODA POP. IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO BE PLAYING CARDS WITHOUT SOME MUNCHIES AND A FIZZIE
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

December 18, 1975

COMIN' ATCHA PAL. READ'EM AN' WEEP
THE NAME OF THE GAME IS SHADY LADY. DEUCES AND TRAYS WILD, LOW HOLD WILD, HIGH SPADE SPLITS, NO KNUCKS, ANTE $10,000
WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR?
JIM DAVIS

Gnorm Gnat

December 25, 1975

Jon

Deciding ‘Gnorm Gnat’ wasn’t working out, Davis next took to creating something a little more traditional. His first attempt to do a series about humans since High School, this new comic would follow the life of a cartoonist trying to navigate friendships and life, alongside occasionally spending time with his beloved cat.

‘Jon’ would quickly evolve into a hit, and shortly after its second anniversary, Jim would hit the big time.

I am very excited to present these comics, which are as much historical artifacts as they are pretty adorable cartoons. The earliest have not been seen by the public in over 45 years.

Jon

January 8, 1976

HI THERE...I'M JON ARBUCKLE. I'M A CARTOONIST AND THIS IS MY CAT GARFIELD
HI THERE, I'M GARFIELD. I'M A CAT AND THIS IS MY CARTOONIST, JON.
I'M AT A LOSS FOR A WORD TO DESCRIBE THIS STRIP...
TRY TURKEY
JIM DAVIS
OUR ONLY THOUGHT IS TO ENTERTAIN YOU.
FEED ME

Jon

January 15, 1976

WHAT'LL IT BE TONIGHT GARFIELD, TUNA OR LIVER?
HOW ABOUT YOUR LASAGNA
FEED ME
WHA...
FEED ME
JIM DAVIS
I THINK YOU'LL FIND THE LIVER QUITE TASTY
LIVER
FEED ME

Jon

January 22, 1976

DING! DONG!
JIM DAVIS
HI LYMAN
I'M COLD, I'M WEAK, I'M HUNGRY. TAKE ME IN MASSUH JON!
CAN THE DRAMATICS LYMAN. YOU KNOW MY APARTMENT IS YOUR APARTMENT
AND MY SANDBOX IS OFF LIMITS

ident.

Jon

January 29, 1976

IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE; THE ONE SUITCASE ?
NOT EXACTLY
HERE BOY!
OH, LAWSEY, LAWSEY, LAWSEY.
JIM DAVIS

Jon

February 5, 1976

Jon

February 12, 1976

SOME NAME FOR A DOG... "SPOT"
JIM DAVIS
I THINK I'LL SEE IF I CAN KNOCK THAT "SPOT" OFF
GARFIELD!!!
NO JURY IN THE WORLD WOULD HAVE CONVICTED ME

Jon

February 19, 1976

THIS IS IT... HERE COMES THE JUDGES' DECISIONS
Z
SHE WON! SHE WON!
THE NEXT TIME I SEE DOROTHY HAMILL I'LL SCRATCH HER EYES OUT
JIM DAVIS

Jon

NOTHING LIKE A CUTE ONE-LINER TO MEET A NEW CHICK
HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE? A RICE PADDY IN HONG KONG?
JIM DAVIS

Jon

March 4, 1976

GUESS WHAT GARFIELD? I MET THIS WONDERFUL GIRL IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM
EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T SPEAK, I THINK SHE'S CRAZY ABOUT ME
AND I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP
JIM DAVIS
SHE HAS THIS WAY ABOUT HER THAT JUST KILLS YOU
SO DID LIZZIE BORDEN

Jon

Thursday, March 11, 1976

ALL I EVER DO IS EAT AND SLEEP, EAT AND SLEEP, EAT AND SLEEP.
THERE MUST BE MORE TO A CAT'S LIFE THAN THAT
JIM DAVIS
BUT, I HOPE NOT

Jon

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR LETTING ME AND MY DOG MOVE IN
THINK NOTHING OF IT. GARFIELD AND I ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HAVE YOU
AREN'T WE GARFIELD?
JIM DAVIS

Jon

March 25, 1976 **The Pendleton Times**

THERE'S THAT GIRL! I'LL USE THE DIRECT APPROACH
HI THERE... UH, GOT THE TIME?
JIM DAVIS
IT'S 12:30!

Jon

GARFIELD
FEED ME
JIM DAVIS
GARFIELD
FEED ME
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HATE, IT'S A DOG WHO BEGS AT THE TABLE
GARFIELD
FEED ME

Social News? Phone Mrs. Huey 778-24

Jon

April 8, 1976

HO HUM... ANOTHER TUESDAY NIGHT AND ANOTHER PRIMARY ELECTION
THESE CANDIDATES ARE A REAL BUNCH OF YO-YOS
WHERE IS MORRIS THE CAT NOW THAT WE NEED HIM?
JIM DAVIS

Jon

Jon

SOME PEOPLE THINK I'M FAT. THEY NEVER KNEW MY UNCLE HONDO. HIS VET TOLD HIM TO DIET BY DRINKING A GLASS OF CARROT JUICE AFTER A HOT BATH
OLD HONDO NEVER MADE IT TO THE CARROT JUICE
JIM DAVIS
HE FOUNDERED DRINKING HIS HOT BATH

Jon

April 29, 1976

DR. GUSTAV STITCH WILL SEE YOU NOW.
DR. STITCH IS DER NAME UND FIX'N SICKIES IS DER GAME. WHERE DOES IT HURT? I'LL KISS IT UND MAKE IT VELL. HA, HA
I FORESEE THE A.M.A. BOYCOTTING THIS STRIP
JIM DAVIS

Jon

May 6, 1976

EFFERYTING LOOKS ALRIGHT. YER IN GOOT HEALTH
BUT DOC, I'M HAVING LOWER ABDOMENAL PAIN
NONSENSE! DOT LOOKS ALRIGHT TOO
JIM DAVIS

Jon

May 13, 1976

I REALLY SHOULDN'T EAT THAT FISH...
CALL IT AN ETHNIC WEAKNESS
JIM DAVIS

Jon

May 20, 1976

MARY HARTMAN MARY HARTMAN IS ENOUGH TO CRIPPLE YOUR MIND
OH, WHERE ARE THE SHOWS WITH THE HAPPY ENDINGS... WITH GOOD PLOTS... WITH FINE ACTORS...
WHERE ARE THE GENTLE BEN RERUNS?
JIM DAVIS

Jon

May 27, 1976

I SAY IT'S O.K. FOR A WOMAN TO RACE IN THE "500"
IF GOD HAD WANTED WOMAN TO RACE IN THE "500" HE WOULD HAVE PUT A LADIES ROOM IN GASOLINE ALLEY
JIM DAVIS
HOW DO YOU ARGUE WITH LOGIC LIKE THAT?

Jon

June 3, 1976

I'M GETTING LAZY. IT WOULD DO ME GOOD TO GET SOME EXERCISE
YAWN
MUCH BETTER
JIM DAVIS

Jon

June 10, 1976

I GOT THAT LAXATIVE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT MOM, THANKS
I'LL SLIP IT INTO HIS TUNA PATÉ. HE'LL NEVER KNOW
JIM DAVIS
GARFIELD!!!

Jon

June 17, 1976

DEAR GARFIELD:
MY CAT, POO-POO, HAS THE SNIFFLES. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING: SWINGING HIM BY HIS TAIL, PUTTING HIS HEAD IN A PLASTIC BAG... SQUEEZING HIS LITTLE NECK... NOTHING WORKS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Concerned
DEAR "CONCERNED":
I HAVE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO DISGUSTING AND CRUEL AS YOUR METHODS OF TRYING TO CURE POOR POO-POO'S SNIFFLES. OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE PROPER MEDICAL CARE FOR A CAT
SHOVING A LIT CHERRY BOMB UP HIS NOSE SHOULD CLEAR THE CONGESTION
JIM DAVIS

Jon

June 24, 1976

I THINK I'LL HAVE SQUAB FOR LUNCH
JIM DAVIS
IF THAT'S A BIRD, I'M TINA TURNER

Jon

July 1, 1976

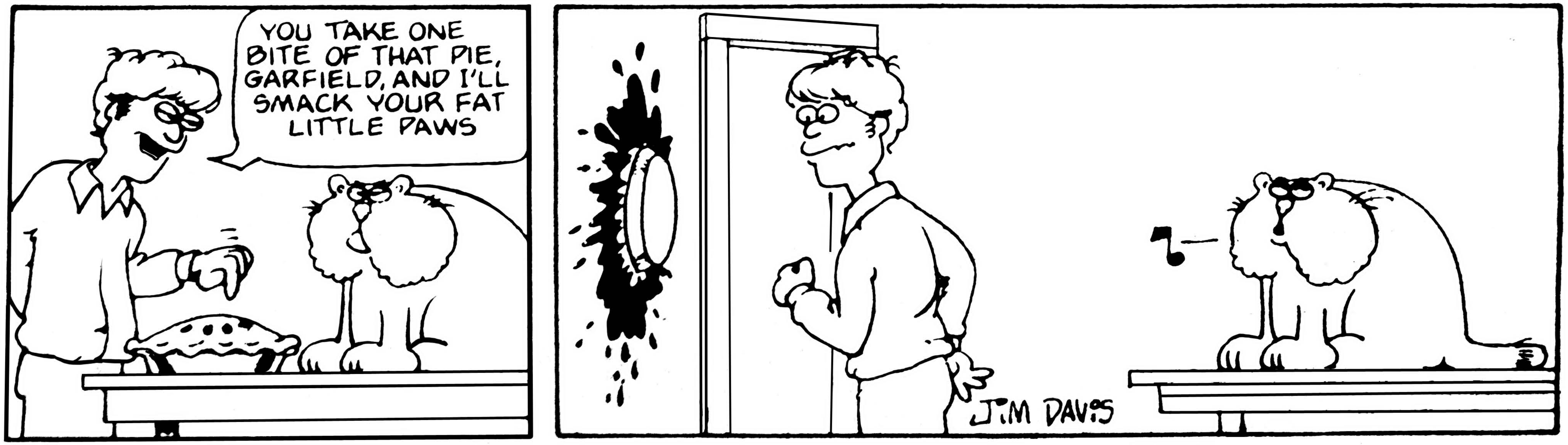
WE CATS PLAYED A PART IN OUR GREAT AMERICAN HERITAGE TOO YOU KNOW...
THERE WAS THOMAS JEFFERSON CATT WHO INVENTED THE SAND BOX
TOM CATT
ROWR!
AND THE CAT WHO WARNED PAUL REVERE THE BRITISH WERE COMING
HAPPY 4th
JIM DAVIS

Jon

July 8, 1976

THIS JULY WEATHER IS ENOUGH TO GET A GUY DOWN
AND ONE FAN ISN'T CUTTING IT
JIM DAVIS

Jon July x5, 1976 **The Pendleton Times** **Page 3**


YOU TAKE ONE BITE OF THAT PIE, GARFIELD, AND I'LL SMACK YOUR FAT LITTLE PAWS
JIM DAVIS

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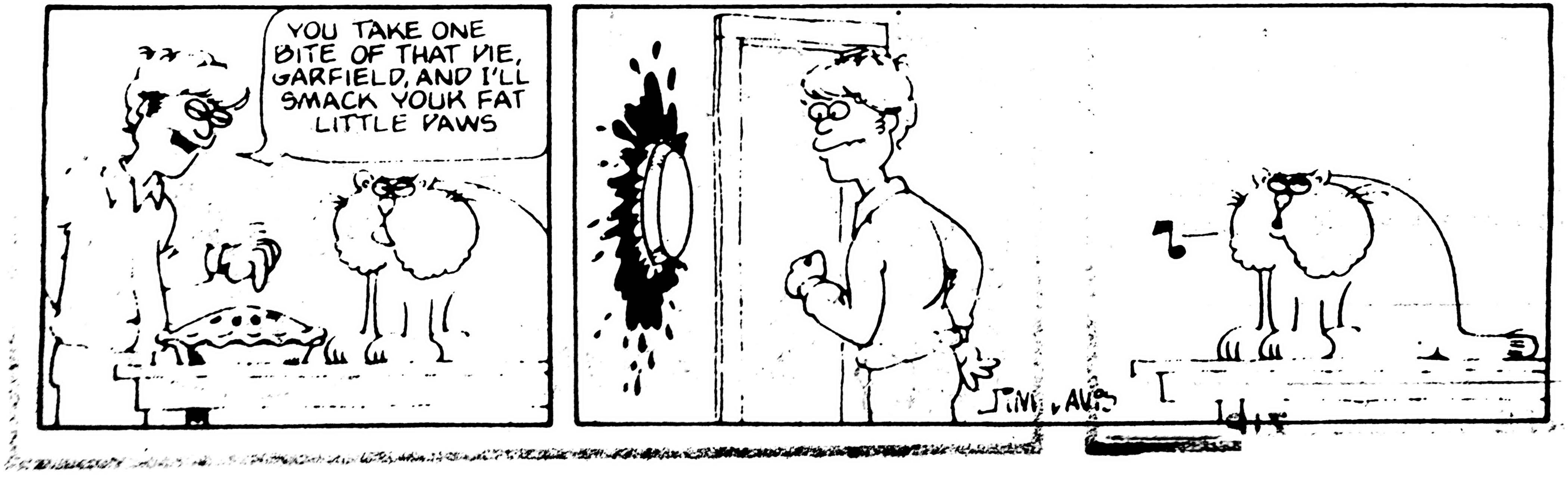
Jon July x5, 1976 **The Pendleton Times** **Page 3**


YOU TAKE ONE BITE OF THAT PIE, GARFIELD, AND I'LL SMACK YOUR FAT LITTLE PAWS
JIM DAVIS

(ORIGINAL)

FIRST, THE DEMOCRAT CONVENTION NOW, THE OLYMPICS.
THAT'S ALL YOU SEE ON TELEVISION...
POLITICS
JIM DAVIS

Jon

July 29, 1976

THESE OLYMPICS ARE GREAT!
I'M HUNGRY
THEY'RE HOLDING UP THE 100 METER DASH, FOLKS, 'TIL JON ARBUCKLE FEEDS HIS CAT, GARFIELD
THANKS O.J.
JIM DAVIS

Jon

SLURP
I TAKE A BATH EVERY THURSDAY WHETHER I NEED ONE OR NOT
JIM DAVIS

WANT ADS
Pack Power

BE$MART!!!

Jon

Jon

August 19, 1976

NOTORIOUS CAT BURGLAR, EVIL ROY SLUDGE, WAS APPREHENDED LATE LAST NIGHT AFTER A HIGH SPEED CHASE
A SEARCH OF EVIL ROY'S CAR TURNED UP A TRUNK FULL OF LOOT...
THREE PERSIAN CATS, TWO TOM CATS, FOUR TABBY CATS, SIX FUZZY KITTENS, AND A BOX OF NUM-NUMS
JIM DAVIS

Jon

August 26, 1976

DEAR GARFIELD:
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I AM AN UGLY KITTEN. OH, I DO ALL THE THINGS "CUTE" KITTENS DO... PLAY WITH YARN AND THE WHOLE BIT, BUT I DON'T GET ANY ATTENTION. WHAT CAN I DO? Mud Fence
DEAR "MUD":
YOU'RE TRYING TOO HARD TO BE CUTE. YOU'LL GET MORE ATTENTION IF YOU JUST BE YOURSELF...
AND SHARPEN YOUR CLAWS ON THE LIVING ROOM DRAPES
JIM DAVIS

Jon

September 2, 1976

EVIL ROY SLUDGE, NOTORIOUS CAT BURGLAR...OR, AS WE LIKE TO CALL HIM, A "PURR SNATCHER", GET IT? WAS RELEASED TODAY.
OUR PRODUCER CALLS HIM A "CATNAPPER" HA HA AND MY AUNT REBA SAYS HE'S A "TOM CATCH" HA HA
HA HA HA HA HO HO HA HO HA HEE HEE HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
JIM DAVIS

Jon

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1976

Jon

September 23, 1976

Jon

September 30, 1976

Jon

October 7, 1976

HEY JON! LOOK AT THIS
M-I-C-
A **CAT** WHO LIKES MICKEY MOUSE
K-E-Y
SHAKE IT ANNETTE
JIM DAVIS

Jon

October 14, 1976

NOW WHERE COULD MY PIPE BE?
GARFIELD!
JIM DAVIS

(digital scan)

October 14, 1976

Jon

NOW WHERE COULD MY PIPE BE?
GARFIELD!
JIM DAVIS

(physical, paper scan)

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UH-OH...
HERE COMES JON
PAT
PAT
JIM DAVIS

Jon

October 28, 1976

THAT CAT BURGER SURE LOOKS GOOD
JON'S T.V. DINNER DO SMELL TASTY
JIM DAVIS

Jon

November 4, 1976

I HATE NOVEMBER
LIFELESS TREES, BLEAK AFTERNOONS, RAW WINDS...
ICY SANDBOXES
JIM DAVIS

Jon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARFIELD! I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU
A RUBBER MOUSEY
COULD'VE USED A LITTLE SALT...
JIM DAVIS

Jon

BET YOU DON'T KNOW WHO GAVE THE PILGRIMS THEIR NAME
I DO
JOHN WAYNE
JIM DAVIS

Jon

November 25, 1976

THAT WAS SOME THANKSGIVING MEAL I FIXED FOR THE FOLKS; HUH GARFIELD. ALL EXCEPT FOR THAT DUMB THING I DID...
HOW COULD I HAVE **LOST** 10 POUNDS OF OYSTER DRESSING ?
BURP
JIM DAVIS

Jon

December 2, 1976

THIS T.V. SEASON REALLY STINKS GARFIELD
JIM DAVIS
WITH, OF COURSE, THE ONE EXCEPTION...
FARAH FAWCETT
FARAH FAWCETT

Jon

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS GARFIELD?
100 POUNDS OF LASAGNA AND 23 SLAVE DOGS
I'LL BET YOU'D LIKE A NICE FUZZY BALL OF YARN TO PLAY WITH...
I THINK I'LL PUT A PIRANHA IN HIS CHRISTMAS STOCKING...
JIM DAVIS

Jon

December 23, 1976

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Jon

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Many parents encourage their children to write letters to Santa Claus, but few parents would admit to writing letters of their own, requesting special goodies for Christmas.

Through an accident, however, a bundle of such letters was delivered to The Times, but since it is too close to Christmas to forward the letters to Mr. Claus, here are the wants of some people:

Tom Jarvis--Exclusive rights to a marina in Cadiz.

Jim Bannon--A state basketball championship for the Anderson Indians.

Cartoonist Jim Davis--Instructions in the fine art of playing a pinball machine.

Robbie Hackleman--A car that will last for a few more miles.

Hayse Huey--A flying saucer to ride on when the elevator in the Times Building fails.

We didn't print all the lists because there just isn't enough space, but rest assured there were plenty more items in those letters.

As for us at The Times, we want each of our readers to enjoy the happiest Christmas imaginable and to remember the reason we celebrate the day.

(bonus from 12/23/1976)

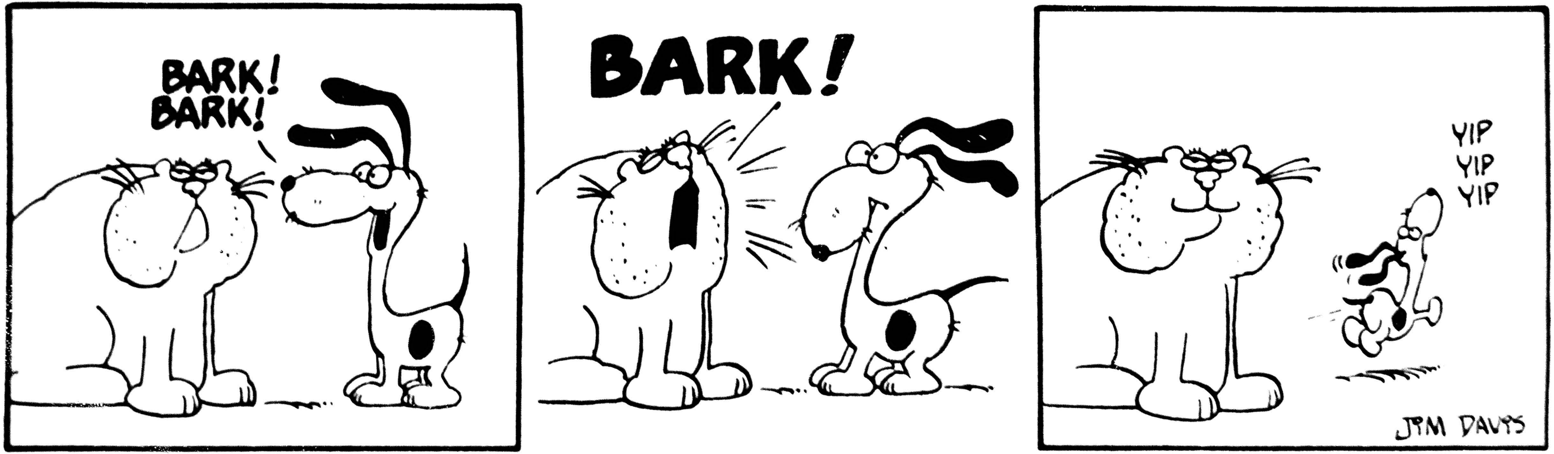
Jon

December 30, 1976

AND WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION GARFIELD?
I THINK I'LL BE NICER TO DOGS
I'LL CUT DOWN ON LASAGNA INSTEAD
JIM DAVIS

Jon

January 6, 1977

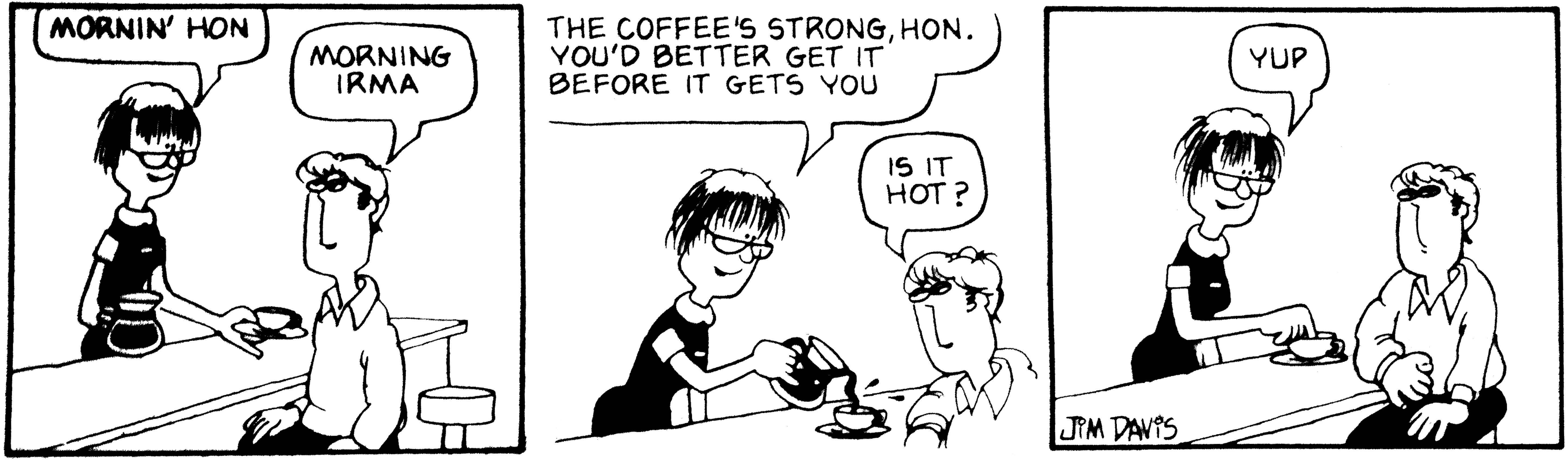


Jon

January 13, 1977

ISN'T IT A LITTLE COLD TO TAKE SPOT FOR A WALK LYMAN?
NONSENSE!
JIM DAVIS

Jon


MORNIN' HON
MORNING IRMA
THE COFFEE'S STRONG, HON. YOU'D BETTER GET IT BEFORE IT GETS YOU
IS IT HOT?
YUP
JIM DAVIS

Jon

February 3, 1977

SPOT! LOOK WHAT YOU DID ON THE FLOOR
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!
YIP YIP
WHAP! WHAP! WHAP!
SO **THAT'S** WHY THEY CALL HIM "SPOT"
JIM DAVIS

Jon

February 10, 1977

DO YOU EVER SHOVE YOUR GLASSES UP ON YOUR NOSE IRMA ?
SURE
TAH-DAH
PUT'EM BACK IRMA
JIM DAVIS

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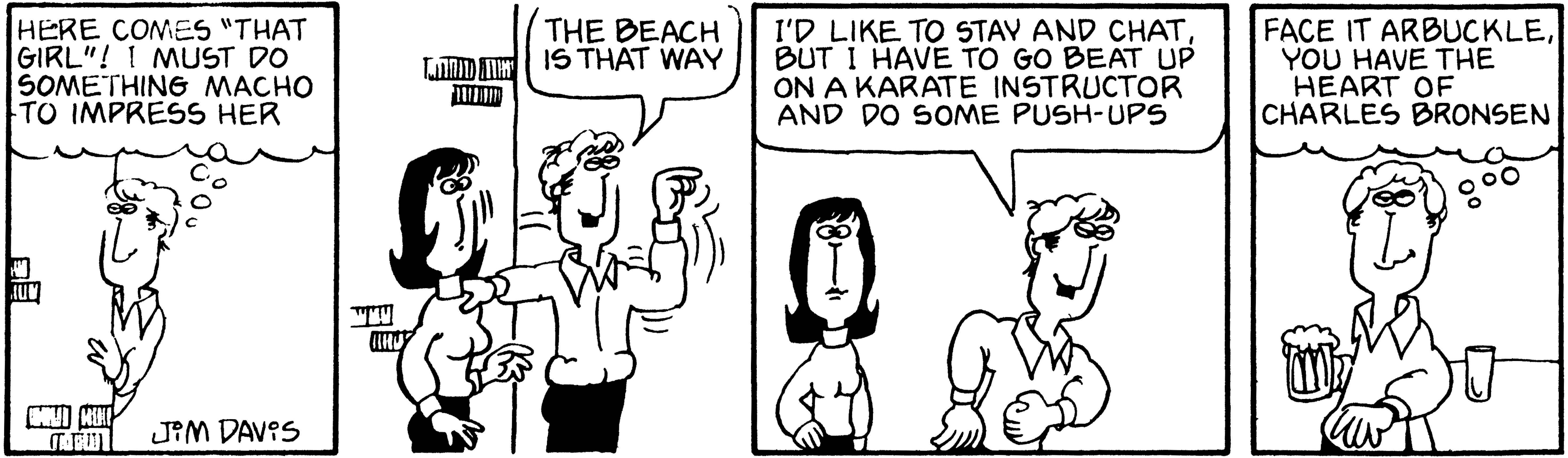
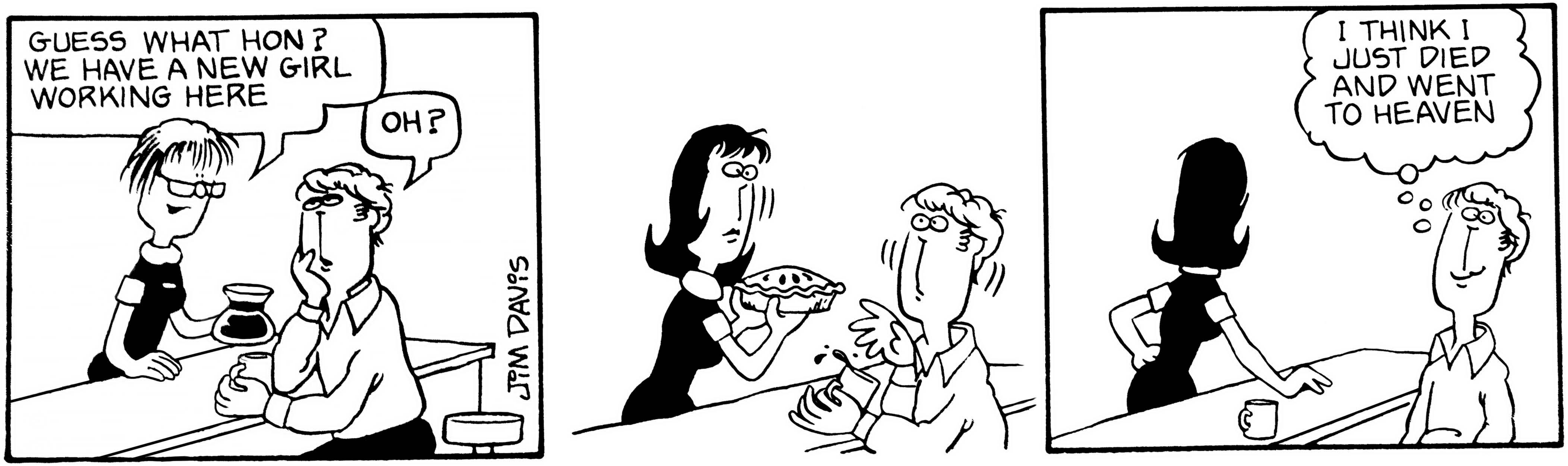
Jon

February 2, 1977


HERE COMES "THAT GIRL"! I MUST DO SOMETHING MACHO TO IMPRESS HER
JIM DAVIS
THE BEACH IS THAT WAY
I'D LIKE TO STAY AND CHAT, BUT I HAVE TO GO BEAT UP ON A KARATE INSTRUCTOR AND DO SOME PUSH-UPS
FACE IT ARBUCKLE, YOU HAVE THE HEART OF CHARLES BRONSEN

Jon

March 3, 1977


GUESS WHAT HON? WE HAVE A NEW GIRL WORKING HERE
OH?
JIM DAVIS
I THINK I JUST DIED AND WENT TO HEAVEN

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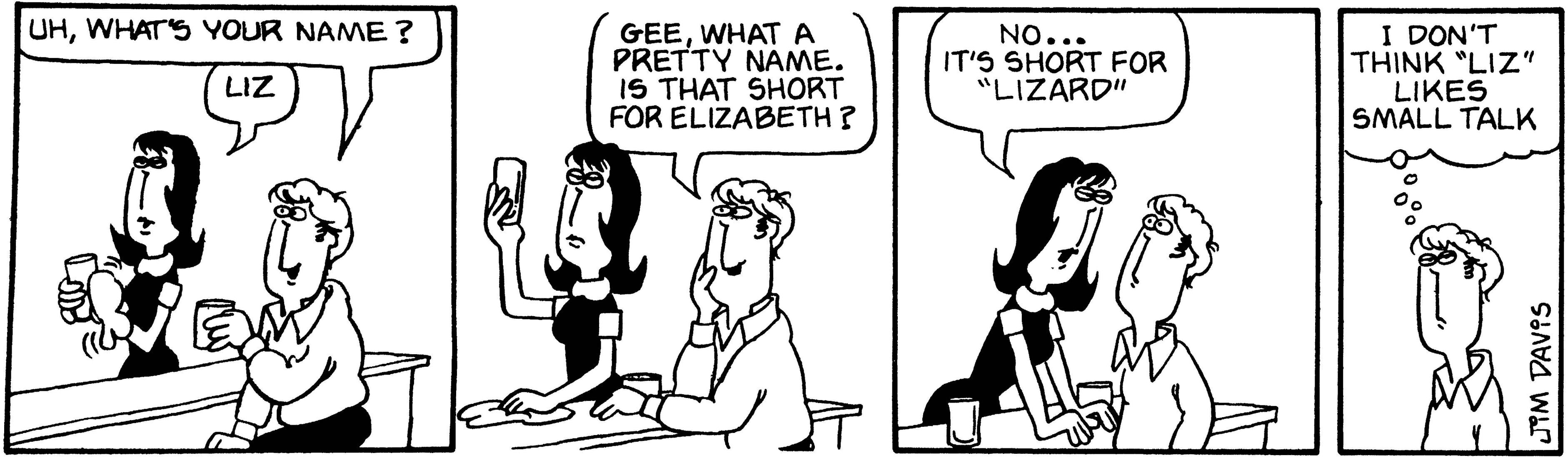
Jon

GUESS WHAT HON? WE HAVE A NEW GIRL WORKING HERE
OH?
JIM DAVIS
I THINK I JUST DIED AND WENT TO HEAVEN

(ORIGINAL)

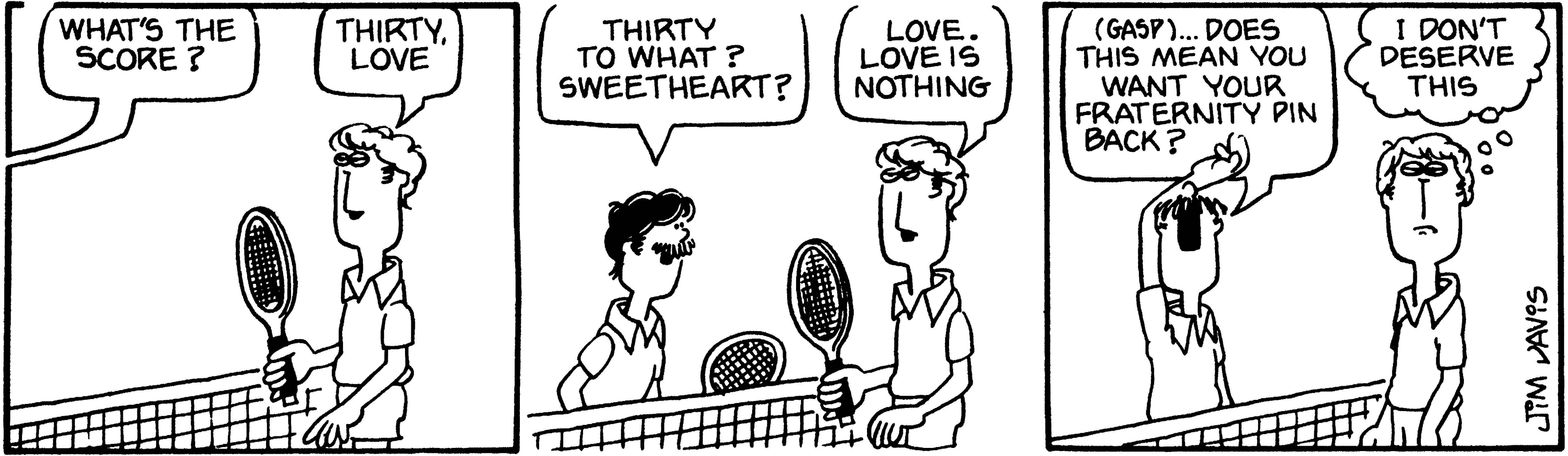
Jon

March 10, 1977


UH, WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?
LIZ
GEE, WHAT A PRETTY NAME. IS THAT SHORT FOR ELIZABETH ?
NO... IT'S SHORT FOR "LIZARD"
I DON'T THINK "LIZ" LIKES SMALL TALK
JIM DAVIS

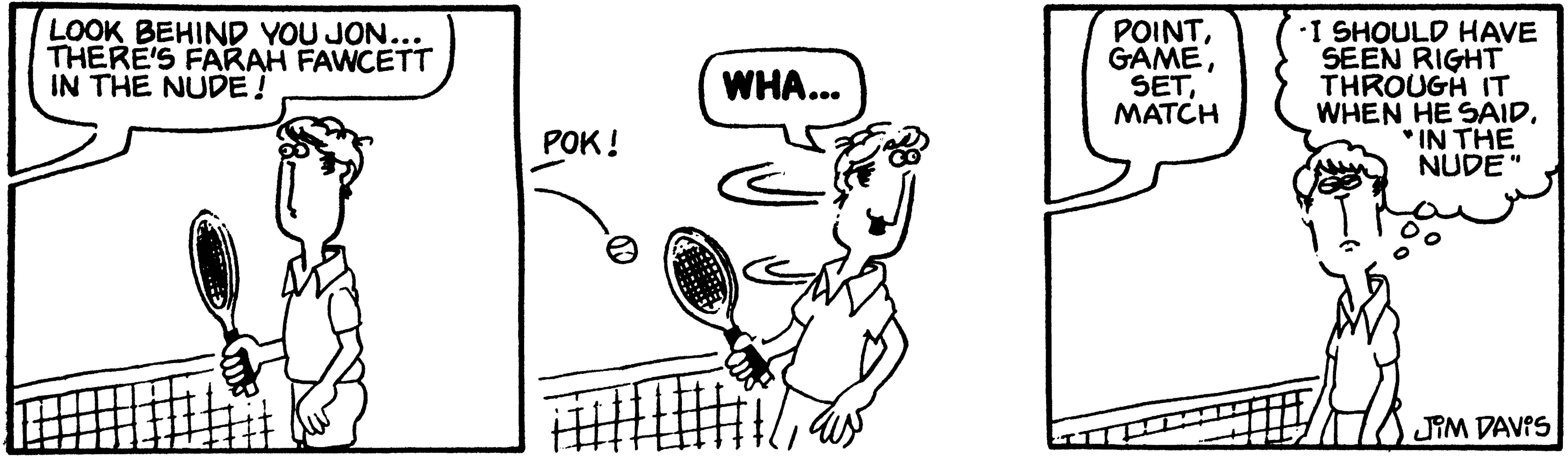
Jon

March 17, 1977


WHAT'S THE SCORE ?
THIRTY, LOVE
THIRTY TO WHAT ? SWEETHEART?
LOVE. LOVE IS NOTHING
(GASP)... DOES THIS MEAN YOU WANT YOUR FRATERNITY PIN BACK ?
I DON'T DESERVE THIS
JIM DAVIS

Jon

March 24, 1977


LOOK BEHIND YOU JON... THERE'S FARAH FAWCETT IN THE NUDE!
POK!
WHA...
POINT, GAME, SET, MATCH
I SHOULD HAVE SEEN RIGHT THROUGH IT WHEN HE SAID, "IN THE NUDE"
JIM DAVIS

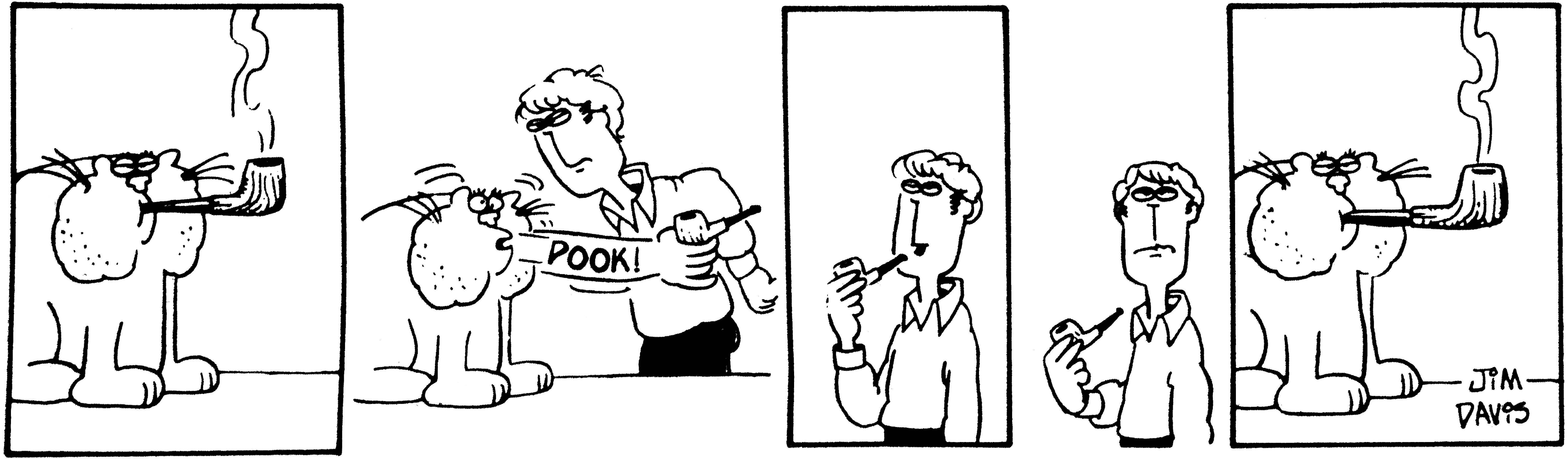
Jon

March 31, 1977

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TONIGHT LYMAN?
I'M GOING TO THE BIJOU TO SEE THEIR NEW MOVIE
IT'S ABOUT THIS KID WHO PUTS A TACK IN HIS TEACHER'S CHAIR AND SHE SITS ON IT
NOT MUCH OF A PLOT
I SUPPOSE SO. BUT I STILL LIKE THE MOVIES WHERE THE BOY GETS THE GIRL IN THE END
JIM DAVIS

Jon

April 7, 1977



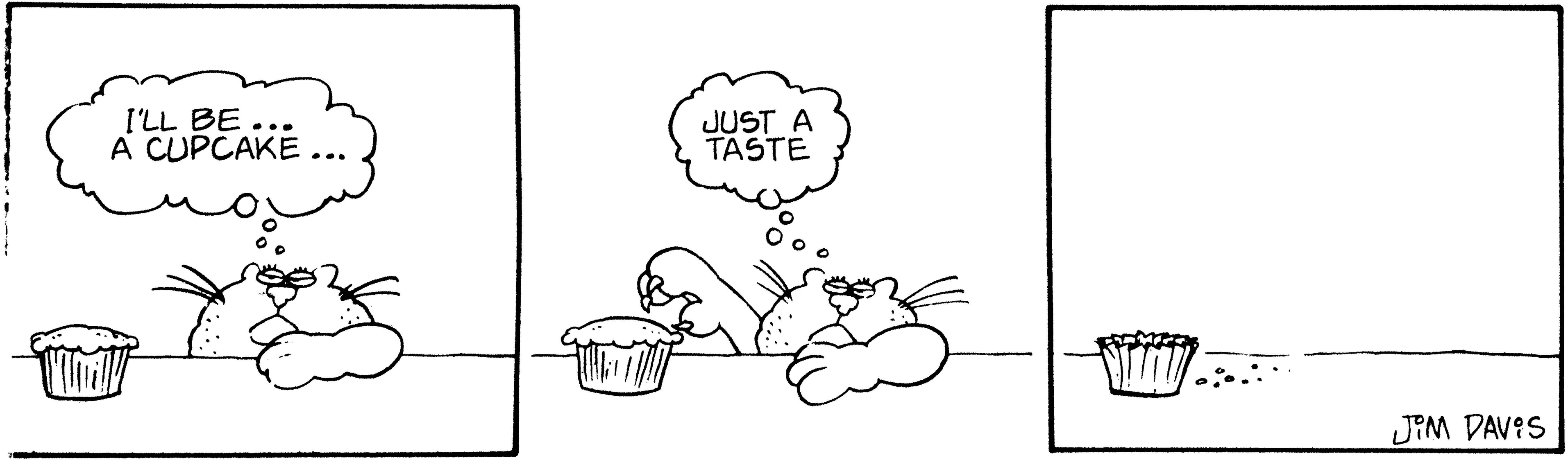
Jon

April 14, 1977

SPRING IS HERE...
THE WARM SPRING SUN IS COACHING TREES TO BUD AND TENDER YOUNG FLOWERS TO BLOOM. FLEDGLING SONGBIRDS ARE TRYING THEIR TINY WINGS AND LILTING VOICES. SOFT SPRING ZEPHYRS ARE WAFTING THE SWEET SCENT OF LILACS. SPRING IS HERE...
BIG, FAT HAIRY DEAL
JIM DAVIS

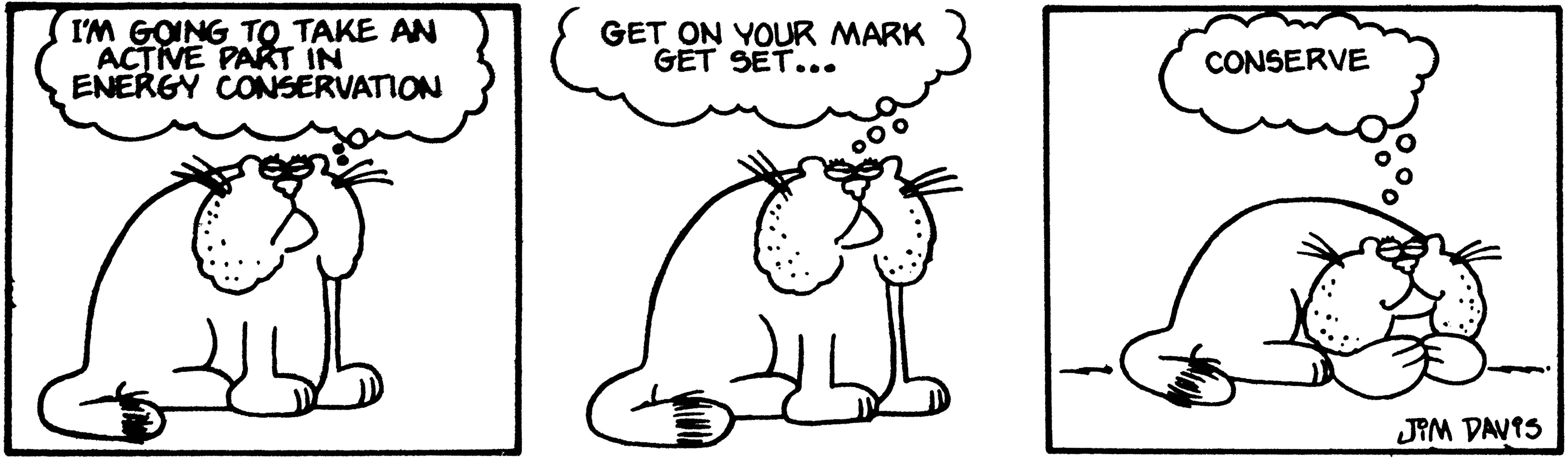
Jon

April 21, 1977


I'LL BE ...
A CUPCAKE ...
JUST A TASTE
JIM DAVIS

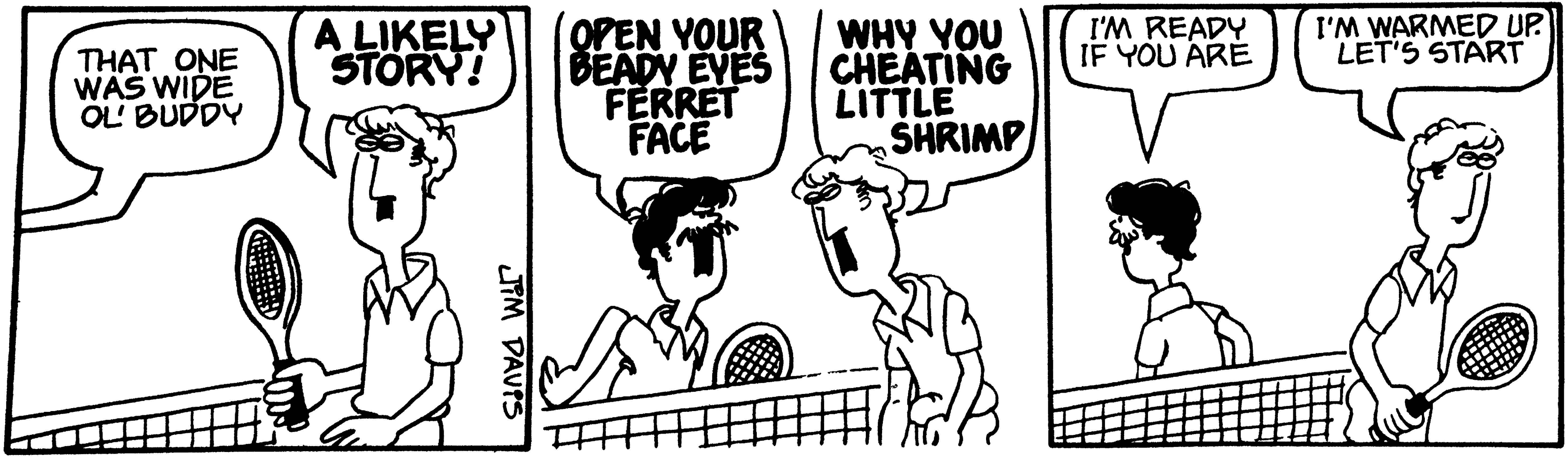
Jon

April 28, 1977


I'M GOING TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN ENERGY CONSERVATION
GET ON YOUR MARK GET SET...
CONSERVE
JIM DAVIS

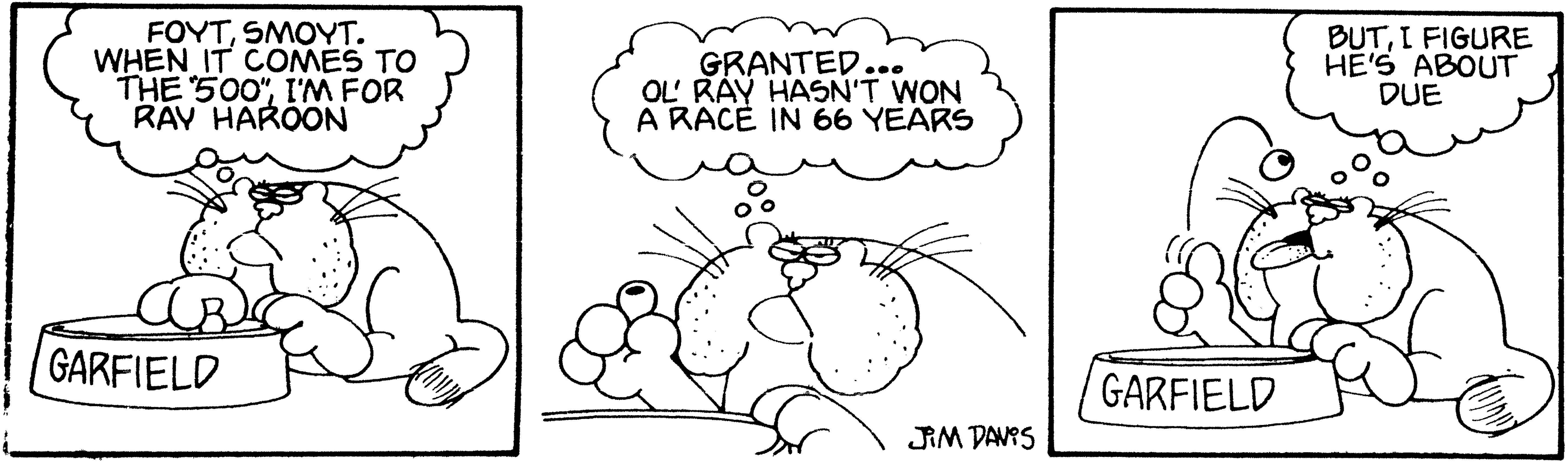
Jon

May 05, 1977


THAT ONE WAS WIDE OL' BUDDY
A LIKELY STORY!
JIM DAVIS
OPEN YOUR BEADY EYES FERRET FACE
WHY YOU CHEATING LITTLE SHRIMP
I'M READY IF YOU ARE
I'M WARMED UP. LET'S START

Jon

May 12, 1977


FOYT, SMOYT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE "500", I'M FOR RAY HAROON
GARFIELD
GRANTED... OL' RAY HASN'T WON A RACE IN 66 YEARS
JIM DAVIS
BUT, I FIGURE HE'S ABOUT DUE
GARFIELD

Jon

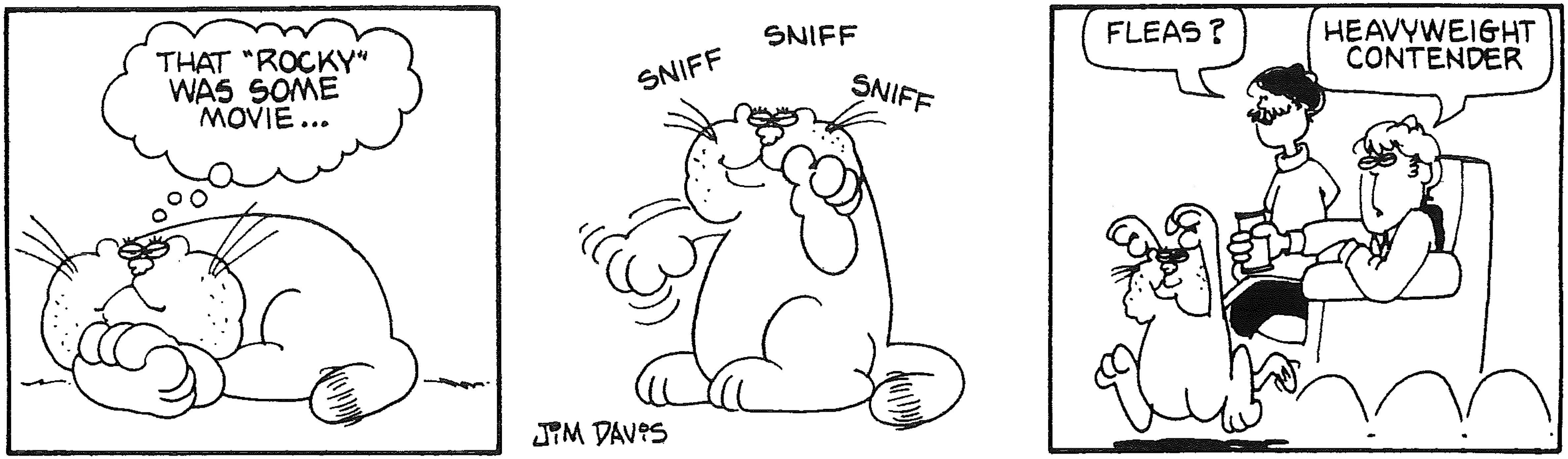
May 26, 1977

HOW ABOUT A DATE LIZ?
COULD YOU MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT IF I SAID, "NO"?
YEH...
"NO"
FACE IT JON... SNAPPY COMEBACKS AREN'T YOUR FORTE
JIM DAVIS

Jon

June 2, 1977

Jon



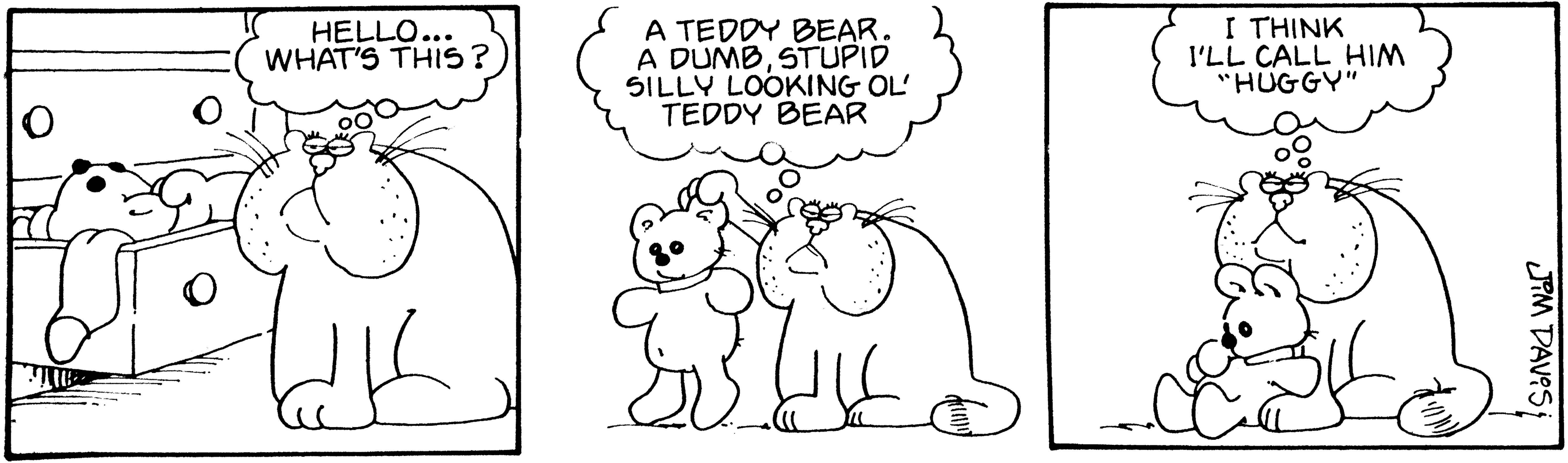
Neither of the scans I ended up with for this one are super great.

Jon June 9, 1974

THIS IS IT GARFIELD. THE LATE-LATE MOVIE WITH BRIGITTE BARDOT
GOT OUR SODA POP. GOT OUR POPCORN. WE'RE SET
JIM DAVIS
ZZZZZZ
ZZZZ

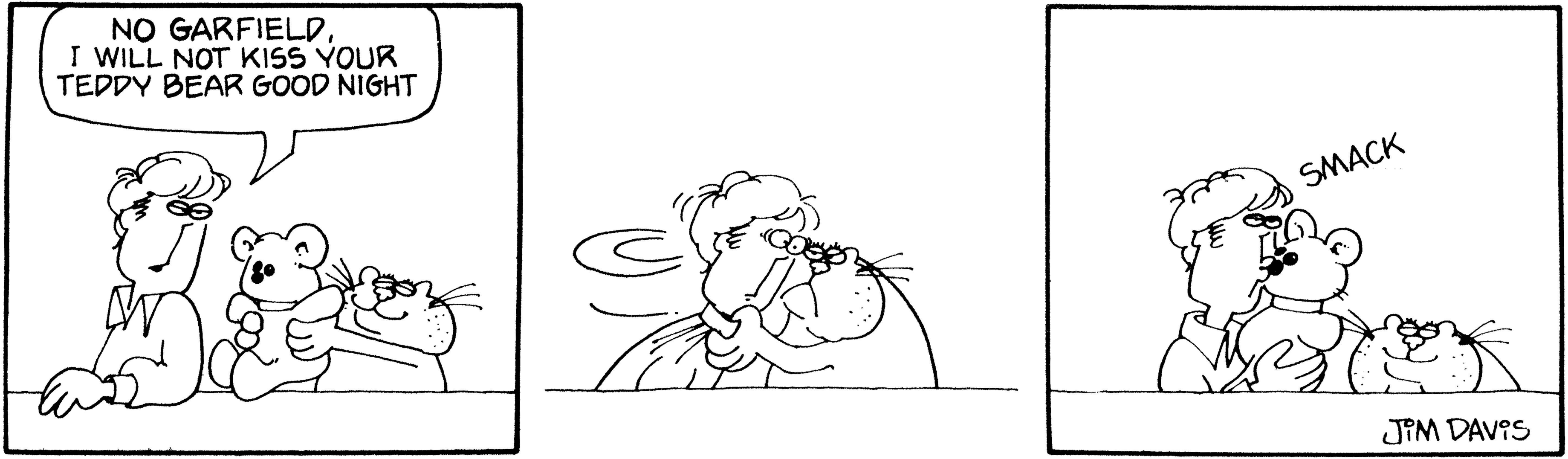
Jon

June 16, 1977


HELLO... WHAT'S THIS?
A TEDDY BEAR. A DUMB, STUPID SILLY LOOKING OL' TEDDY BEAR
I THINK I'LL CALL HIM "HUGGY"

Jon

June 23, 1977


NO GARFIELD, I WILL NOT KISS YOUR TEDDY BEAR GOOD NIGHT
SMACK
JIM DAVIS

Jon

June 30, 1977

I'M SO BORED...
JIM DAVIS
POW!
MUCH BETTER
WAH!

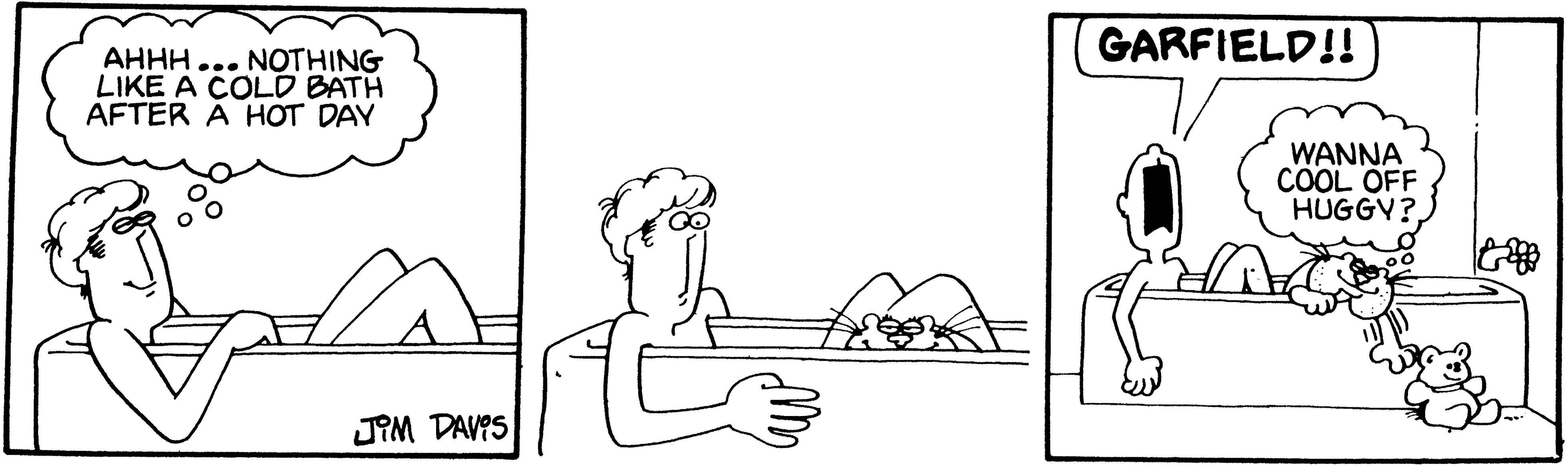
Jon

July 7, 1977

AHHH ... NOTHING LIKE A COLD BATH AFTER A HOT DAY
JIM DAVIS
GARFIELD!!
WANNA COOL OFF HUGGY?

Jon

July 7, 1977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WANNA COOL OFF HUGGY?

Jon

July 14, 1977

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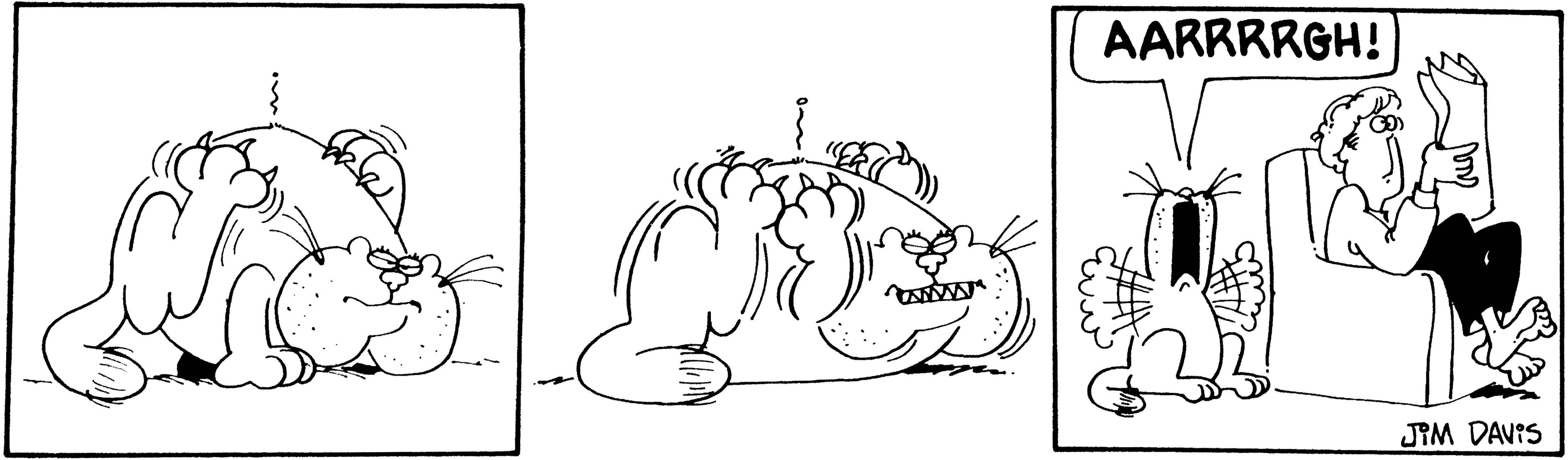


Jon

August 4, 1977

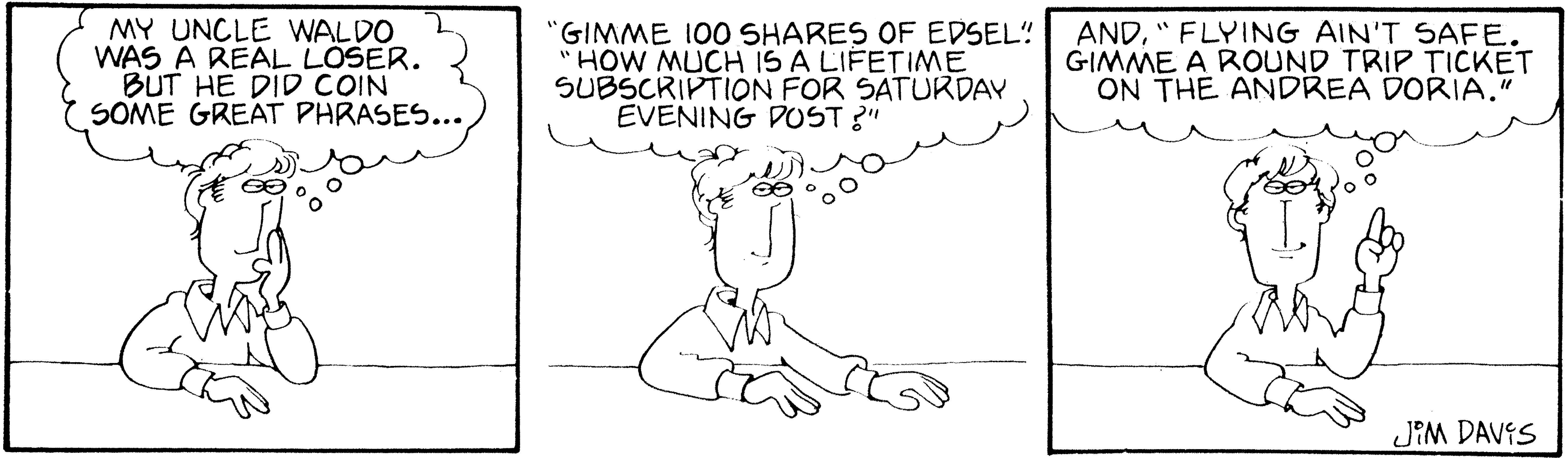
Jon

August 11, 1977

OBOY, MY BACHELOR MAGAZINE
I WONDER WHO THE CENTERFOLD IS. ELKE? FARRAH?
KAREEM?
JIM DAVIS

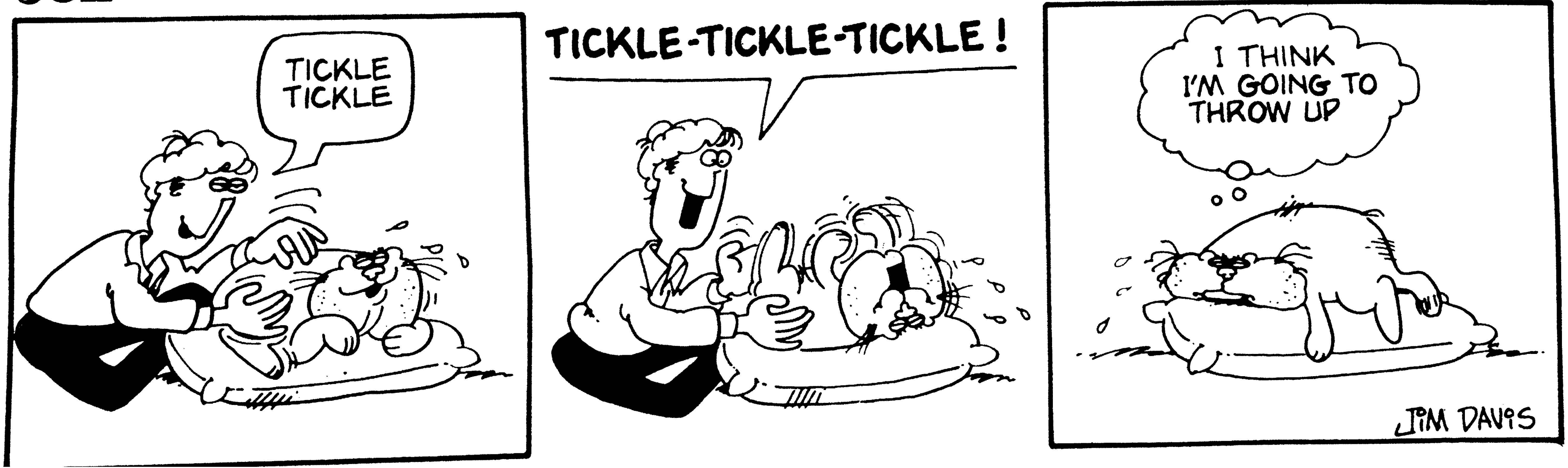
Jon

August 18, 1977


MY UNCLE WALDO WAS A REAL LOSER. BUT HE DID COIN SOME GREAT PHRASES...
"GIMME 100 SHARES OF EDSEL!" "HOW MUCH IS A LIFETIME SUBSCRIPTION FOR SATURDAY EVENING POST?"
AND, "FLYING AIN'T SAFE. GIMME A ROUND TRIP TICKET ON THE ANDREA DORIA."
JIM DAVIS

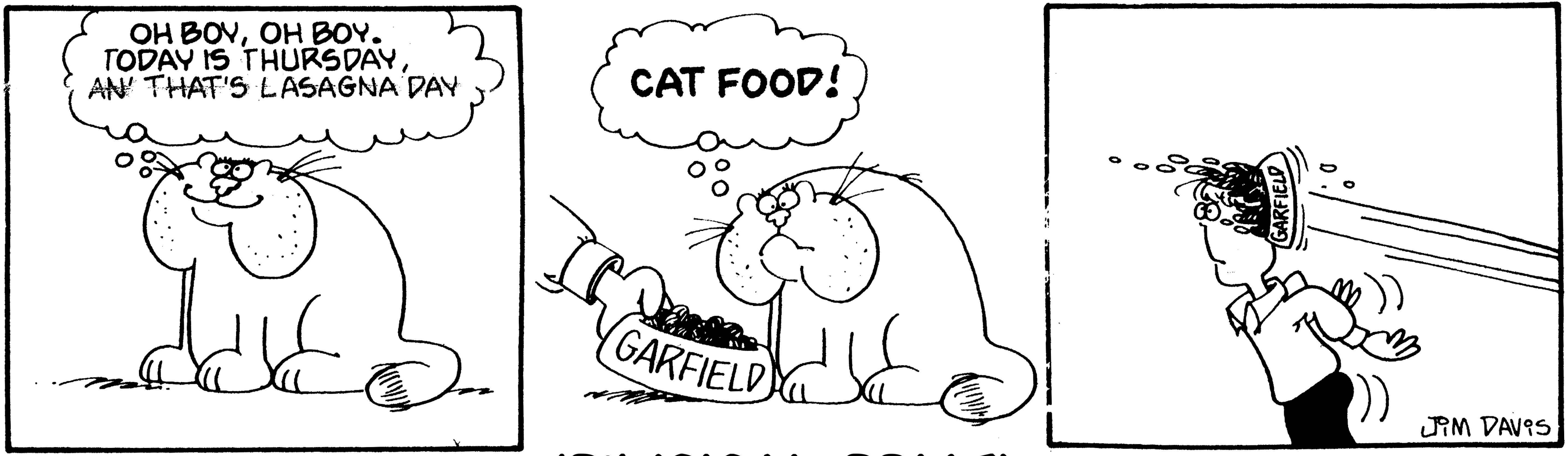
Jon

August 25, 1977



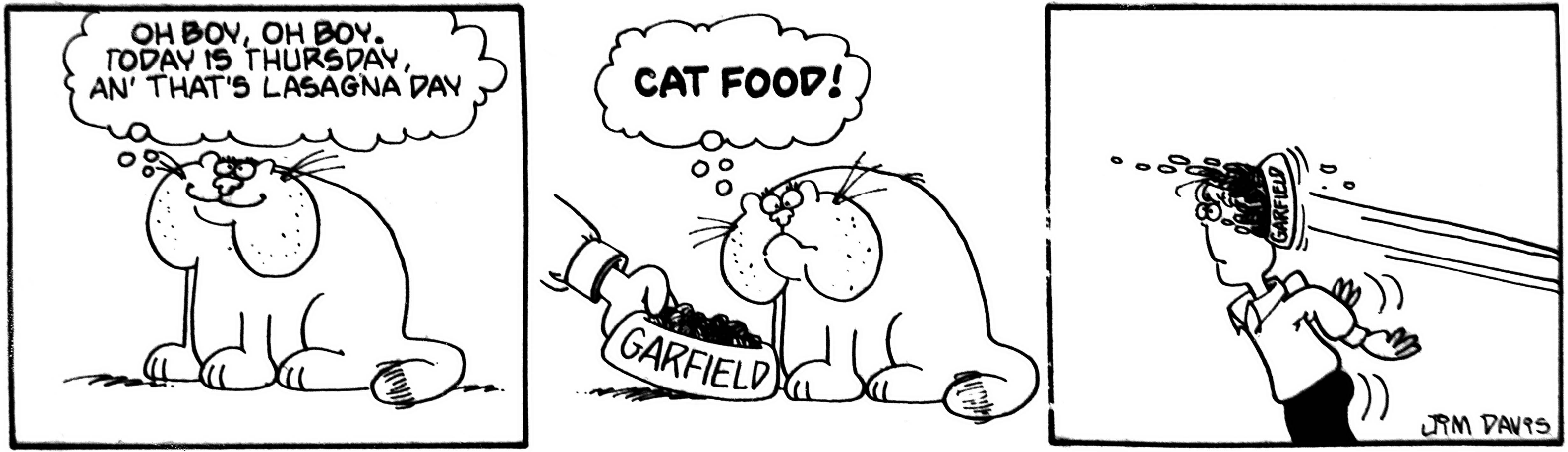
Garfield

September 1, 1977


OH BOY, OH BOY. TODAY IS THURSDAY, AN' THAT'S LASAGNA DAY
GARFIELD
CAT FOOD!
GARFIELD
JIM DAVIS

(PHYSICAL PRINT)

Garfield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CAT FOOD!
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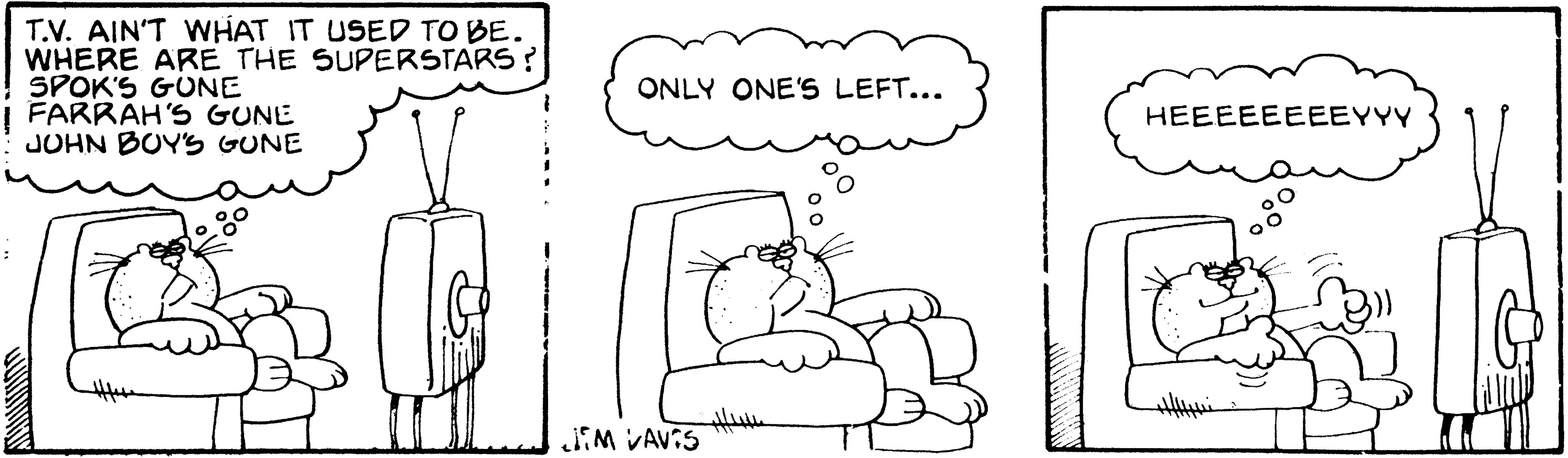
JIM DAVIS

(DIGITAL SCAN)

Garfield

September 8, 1977


T.V. AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE. WHERE ARE THE SUPERSTARS? SPOK'S GONE FARRAH'S GONE JOHN BOY'S GONE
ONLY ONE'S LEFT...
JIM DAVIS
HEEEEEEEEEYYY

Garfield

September 15, 1977

Garfield

September 22, 1977

I THINK I'LL PUT THAT DOG'S LIGHTS OUT
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
JIM DAVIS

AH, A CURTAIN UPON WHENCE TO SHARPEN MY CLAWS
I HATE DOUBLE-KNIT
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

October 6, 1977

YAWN
THAT FLOOR SURE LOOKS COLD THIS MORNING
BETTER NOT RISK IT
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

October 20, 1977

GOOD MORNING GARFIELD. HERE'S A NICE HEALTHY BOWL OF YOGURT FOR BREAKFAST
BRAAAACK!
I'LL BET JULIA CHILD NEVER HAD TO SUFFER THIS
ZZZ
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

October 13, 1977

I AIN'T GETTING OUT OF BED IF THE FLOOR IS COLD
IT'S FREEZING
GOOD
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

November 3, 1977

THIS IS THE LIFE... I AIN'T NEVER GETTING OUT OF BED AGAIN
I'M HUNGRY
JIM DAVIS

YOU CAN'T DRINK COFFEE, GARFIELD. YOU'LL STUNT YOUR, UH, YOUR...
ONE LUMP OR TWO?
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

November 17, 1977 The Pendleton Times

AH... A GOOD STEAK AND A FINE WINE.
GARFIELD!!!
JIM DAVIS

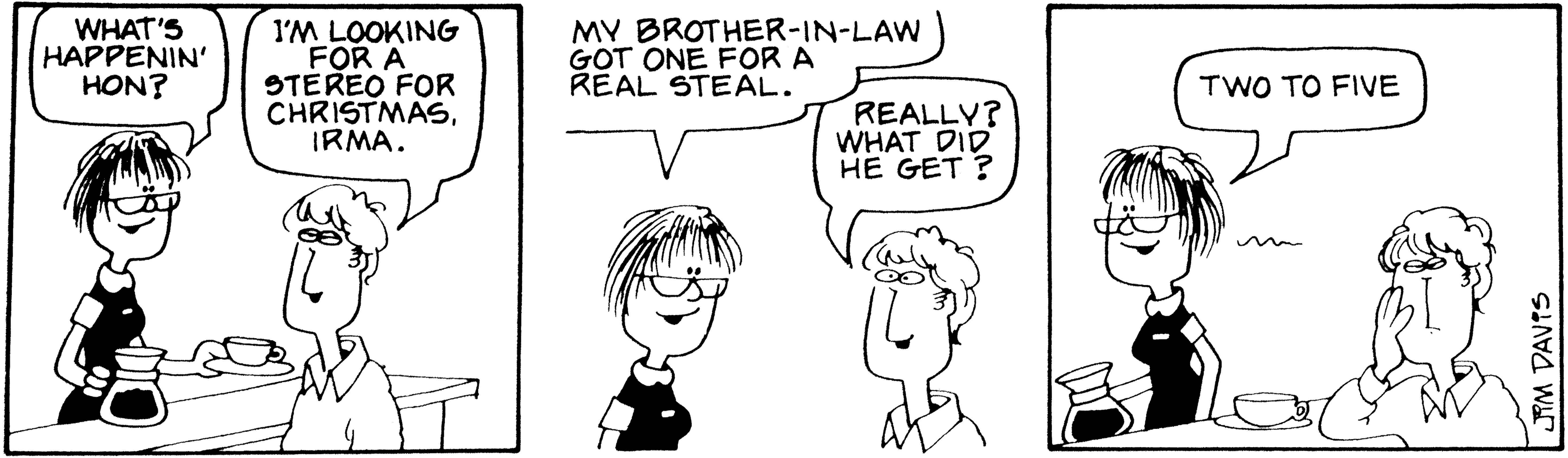
Garfield

November 24, 1977

TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING... WHAT A DUMB TRADITION.
NOW THOSE ITALIAN INDIANS AND PILGRIMS HAD THE RIGHT IDEA...
THANKSGIVING LASAGNA
JIM DAVIS

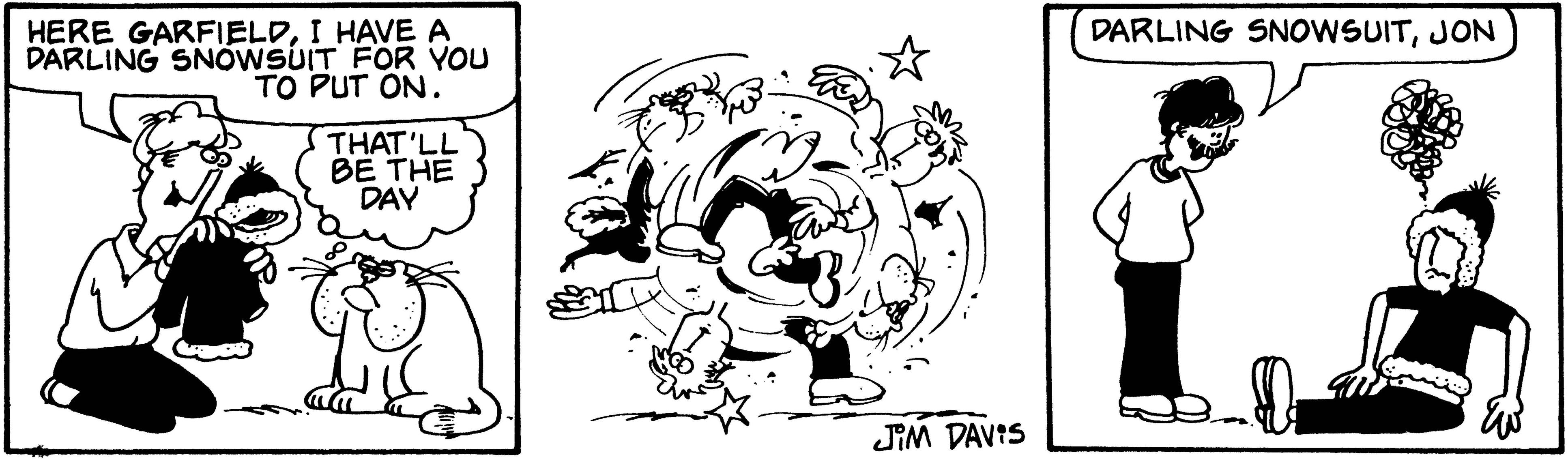
Garfield

December 1, 1977


WHAT'S HAPPENIN' HON?
I'M LOOKING FOR A STEREO FOR CHRISTMAS, IRMA.
MY BROTHER-IN-LAW GOT ONE FOR A REAL STEAL.
REALLY? WHAT DID HE GET?
TWO TO FIVE
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

December 15, 1977


HERE GARFIELD, I HAVE A DARLING SNOWSUIT FOR YOU TO PUT ON.
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
JIM DAVIS
DARLING SNOWSUIT, JON

Garfield

December 22, 1977

MERRY CHRISTMAS JON.
GEE, THANKS LYMAN. WHAT IS IT ?
20 POUNDS OF LASAGNA
UH-OH
GARFIELD!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

December 29, 1977

THIS YEAR I PLEDGE TO GO ON A DIET...
AND TO SPROUT WINGS AND FLY.
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

SNIFF !!
GARFIELD
CAT FOOD...
GARFIELD
THE BOUQUET LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED
GARFIELD
JIM DAVIS

Garfield January 12, 1978 **The Pendleton Times**

A MOUSE! GET IT!
GARFIELD! YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY!
JIM DAVIS
SHOW ME A GOOD MOUSER, AND I'LL SHOW YOU A CAT WITH BAD BREATH.

TELL ME LIZ. DO YOU LIKE MUSIC?
YOU BET HOT SHOT. I HAVE EVERY ALBUM THE HARMONICATS EVER MADE
I THINK SHE'S STARTING TO WARM UP TO ME
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

MY, YOU LOOK NICE TODAY IRMA
ARE YOU KIDDING?
WHEN I COME TO WORK, I WEAR BASE AND LIPSTICK AND THAT'S IT HON. I DON'T PUT ON EYES UNLESS I HAVE A HOT DATE... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
I DIDN'T EVEN SHAVE MY LEGS
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT IRMA
JIM DAVIS

Garfield

JIM DAVIS
BAROOM
SCREEEEE
FOUR-PLY, STEEL-BELTED RADIAL RETREAD TENNY PUMPS!
ZOOOOM

Garfield

February 16, 1978

SOME GAME HUH, JON
YUP
I WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR MY RELIGION
OH REALLY?
JIM DAVIS
MY CHURCH DOESN'T BELIEVE IN BLEEDING ON SATURDAY
I'LL MAKE YOU BLEED

Thinking it over

by Jerry Brewer

Garfield says good-bye

Fans of Garfield, the fat, lazy, cynical cat who has graced the editorial pages of The Times for the past few years, may have noticed his absence for the last couple of weeks, but there is cause for joy in that, as Garfield is on the verge of becoming a nationally renowned cartoon figure.

Cartoonist Jim Davis, a friend of mine since way before either of us was old enough to shave, finally had his attempts to get the cartoon strip syndicated come to a happy conclusion late in January when United Feature Syndicate called to announce their acceptance of Garfield and his friends.

Davis signed a five-year contract with the syndicate in mid-February and is now in the process of designing a sales package for company representatives to present to newspapers.

Davis, who now resides in Muncie with his wife, Carolyn, actually began his artwork during high school when he developed a character who led readers through the school's yearbook. That was back in the days when yearbooks weren't quite so much like catalogs.

After continuing his art studies at Ball State University, Davis joined T.K. Ryan, creator of "Tumbleweeds", as an assistant, a position he still holds. "Tumbleweeds", incidentally, is also distributed by United.

The Times began publishing Davis' work in mid-1973 when Gnorm Gnat and his insect buddies made their first appearance. That strip continued for about two years before Garfield replaced it.

Besides the cat, the strip, to be called "Garfield and Friends", includes Jon Arbuckle, a cartoonist with whom Garfield makes his home; Lyman, Jon's roommate; Spot, Lyman's dog; Irma, the waitress at the coffee shop, and Liz, Jon's girlfriend.

Davis said early this week it would be about a year before the strip begins to appear in newspapers. "It will definitely appear in the Muncie papers, and maybe with some connections they have, it will end up in the Indianapolis papers, too. It looks as if we'll have a special Sunday strip for some of the papers."

As a sidelight of their trip to New York to sign the contract, Jim and Carolyn visited Mort Walker of "Beetle Bailey" and "Hi and Lois" fame, at his studio in Greenwich, Conn., also the site of the Museum of Cartoon Art, which Walker helped open.

"Walker had a special register book for cartoonists," Jim said. "He opened it up and there had been just one artist there before us, the fellow who draws Batman. I had to sign the book and do a quick sketch of Garfield, so there I stood with a half-dry felt-tip pen, Mort Walker looking over my shoulder and an exquisite drawing of Batman right above Garfield. I'll bet Mort was wondering if I always shake when I'm drawing my characters.

"He was the nicest guy to spend some time with, and we splurged with some bologna sandwiches with him later in the day."

Davis, who lost the high school dramatics award to this writer on a split vote--you can guess who cast the deciding ballot, concluded, "You should give yourselves a pat on the back. I'll bet you're the only weekly newspaper who helped launch the career of a nationally syndicated cartoonist."

Actually, we owe our thanks to him for helping us brighten our pages with his artwork, and we wish him all the success in the world with Garfield and Friends.

It's always nice to watch someone's dream come true.

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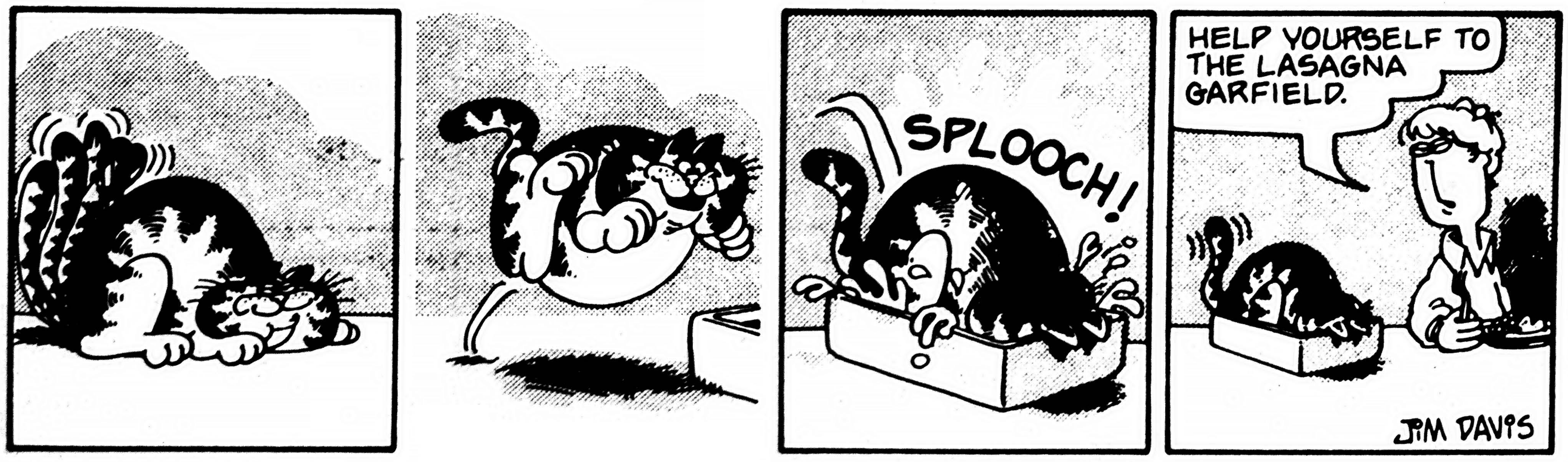
SPLOOCH!
HELP YOURSELF TO THE LASAGNA GARFIELD.
JIM DAVIS

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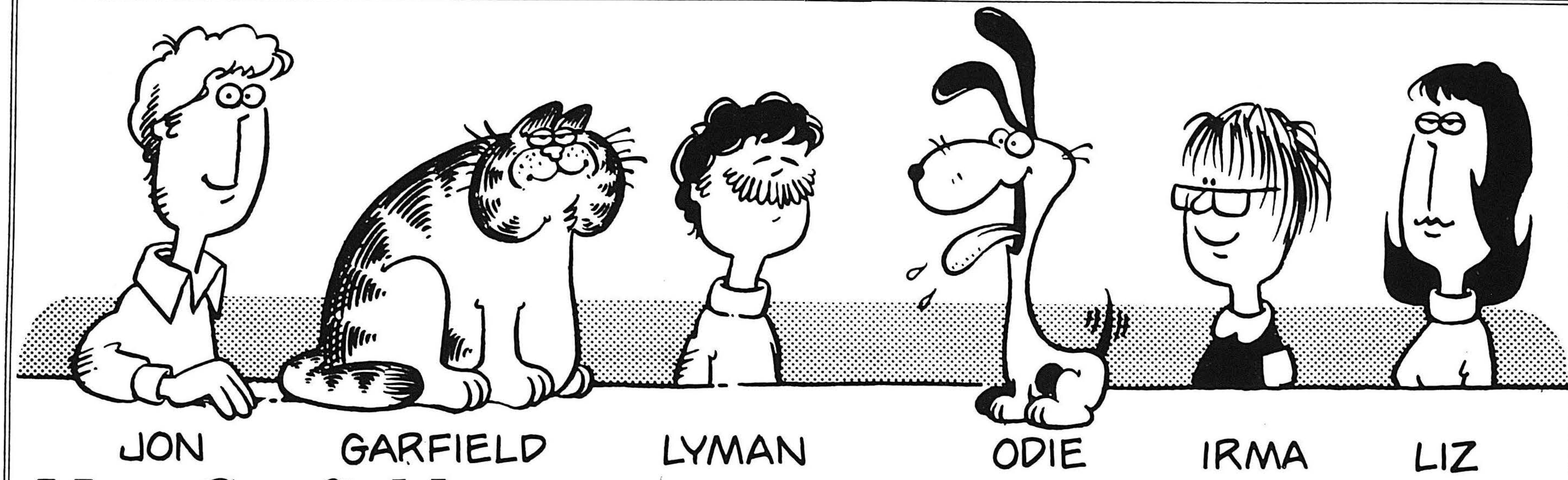


Meet Garfield

Cartoonist Jim Davis Syndicates Cat-Oriented Comic Strip

By LOIS MELINA
Star Staff Reporter

While there always have been cat lovers, it has only been in the last couple of years that books, posters, calendars and stationery about cats have been highly successful commercial activities. Some of these, like the works of B. Kliban, have departed from the traditional "pussycat" approach to the feline.

The latest commercial venture for this newly recognized market is "Garfield," a comic strip by Muncie cartoonist Jim Davis. The strip, which will begin June 19, features Garfield, a cat Davis describes as "fat, cynical, selfish and endearing who prefers a good dish of lasagna to a live rodent."

The comic strip is being syndicated by United Feature Syndicate, Inc., which markets several of the nation's top comic strips, including "Tumbleweeds" and "Peanuts." Although "Garfield" is Davis' first comic strip, he isn't new to the funny pages. He has been working for almost nine years with Tom Ryan, creator of "Tumbleweeds," drawing backgrounds.

Davis thinks the time is right for a comic strip featuring a cat. He points out that dogs like Snoopy and Marmaduke have been standard characters on comic pages, but there has never been a cat. The syndicate evidently agrees. After deciding Jan. 24 to market the strip, it moved the starting date up one year so that "Garfield" appears before someone develops a similar cat character.

Davis hastens to explain that while a cat is the central character, the comic strip is designed to appeal to other interests as well. Other characters in the strip, who will be introduced gradually, include Jon, Garfield's owner; Lyman, Jon's roommate; Odie, Lyman's dog; Irma, a waitress at a restaurant Jon visits; and Liz, Jon's ideal woman.

Davis started to work on the comic strip about two years ago. At that time, the central character was a cartoonist who had a cat named Garfield. "Everytime I went to do it, Garfield had the funny lines," Davis said. Eventually, Garfield's character emerged as the strongest in the comic strip. "There wasn't anything I could do about it," Davis said.

Although his wife's allergy prevents Davis from having a cat of his own, he is no stranger to the animal. He grew up on a farm near Fairmount where there were approximately 25 cats. But he doesn't think he'll always have to depend on his own resources for cat information. "Everybody's got a dozen cat stories," he said, adding, "I've got a feeling I'll be hearing a lot of them."

Davis said the comic strip will be a gag strip relying heavily on continuing personalities for humor. There will be no social or political commentary in it. "The comic pages are for entertainment," Davis said. "And I couldn't do political comment if I wanted to – for years I thought OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) was a denture adhesive."

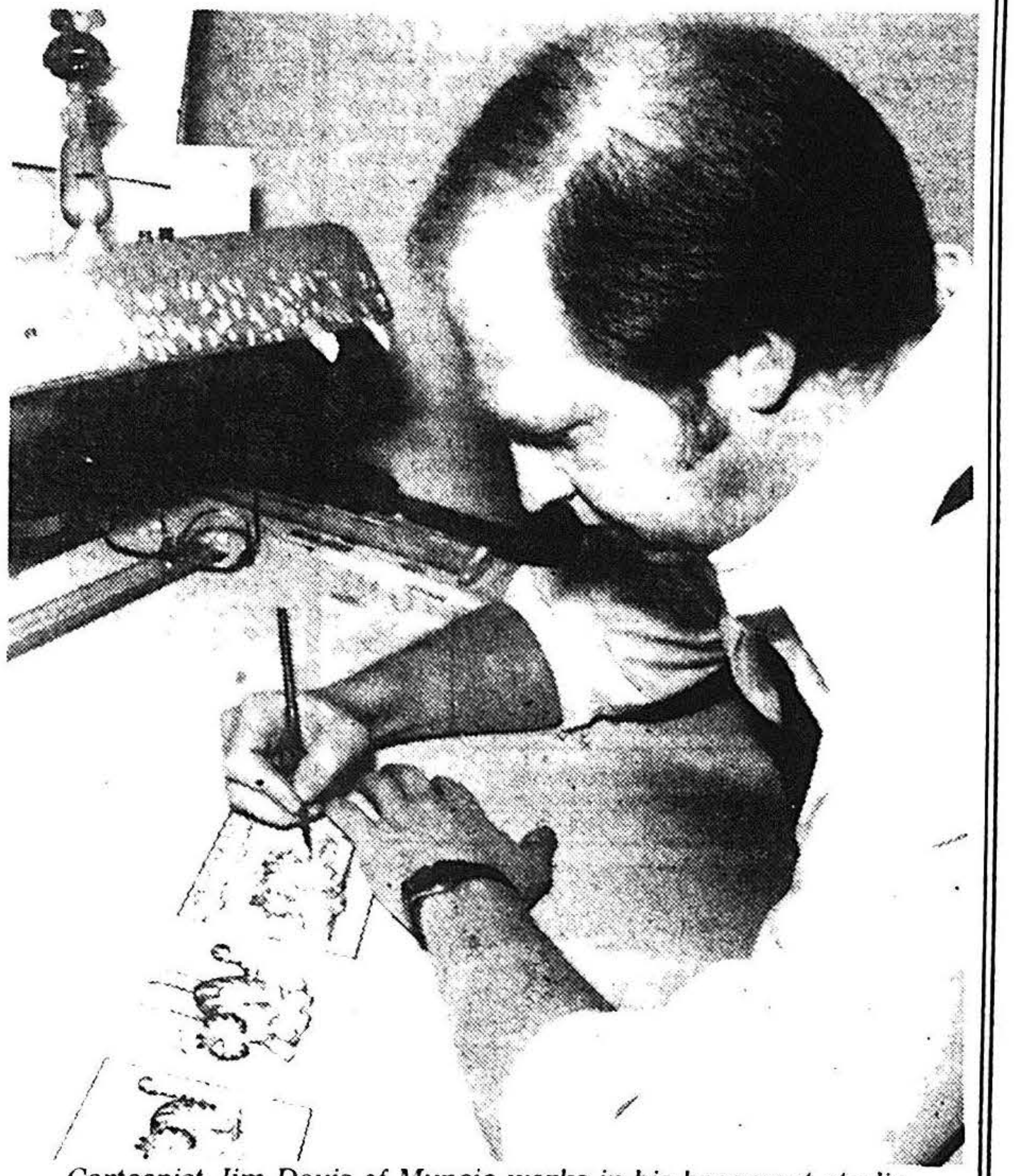
The Hoosier cartoonist seems a little awed at the prospect of his name appearing on the same page as Mort Walker, creator of "Beetle Bailey"; Charles Schultz of "Peanuts" fame, and Dick Browne, cartoonist for "Hagar" and "Hi & Lois." And he seems amazed that he will be getting paid for something he always has enjoyed doing. "I never think of it as a job," he said. "This is like a hobby or game. The hard part to believe is that I'll actually get paid for doing this."

Davis said it takes about two hours to complete the artwork for a daily comic strip and about twice that long to finish a comic for the Sunday funnies. "The toughest part is getting consistently good gags day after day," he said. All cartoonists have different techniques, he said, but he usually puts Garfield in a situation, lets it develop into a gag, then backs it up a bit to begin what will actually appear in the comic strip. He's hoping to develop enough different personalities in the comic strip that he can apply almost any gag he thinks of to a character.

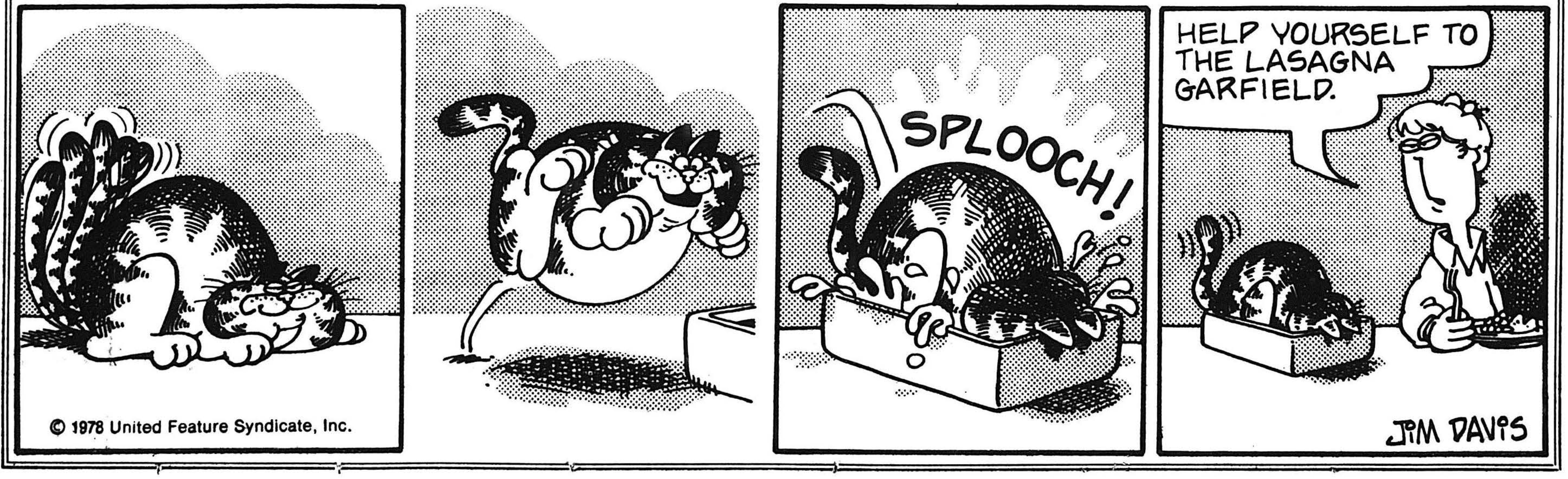
Although he has worked on "Tumbleweeds" for more than eight years, Tom Ryan has always done the writing. "I've always enjoyed the artwork, but it feels good and satisfying to be doing the writing," Davis said.

Davis, who has been active in Muncie Civic Theater productions, said authoring a comic strip is similar to working in the theater. "You write the script, set the scene, and direct. Every day is a one-act play," he said.

Davis said he doesn't want people to "labor" over his comic strip. "I go for a good smile. If I'm lucky a chortle – maybe a laugh." In doing so he said he tries to show, "Life's not so bad."



Cartoonist Jim Davis of Muncie works in his basement studio on the syndicated comic strip, "Garfield," which begins June 19. Other regular characters besides Garfield, include such personalities as Jon, Garfield's owner; Lyman, Jon's roommate; Odie, Lyman's dog; Irma, a waitress at a restaurant Jon visits; and Liz, Jon's ideal woman. (Star Photo by Gary Burney)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JIM DAVIS

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IT'S GARFIELD!
COMING YOUR WAY

The Cat's Cat, Garfield, Debuts in Monday's Star

Like cats?

Don't like cats?

If you fall into one of the above categories or somewhere in between, you're bound to enjoy Garfield, who will be on hand beginning Monday morning to entertain readers of The Star's comics page.

Garfield is the creation of Muncie cartoonist Jim Davis, and his antics will become a part of hundreds of daily newspaper comics pages beginning June 19.

Davis, whose previous cartooning experience includes serving as assistant to Muncie's Tom K. Ryan, originator of Tumbleweeds, for the past 9 years, has been working on Garfield for several months to get him ready to meet his new public.

Don't miss Monday's Star, when Garfield joins the daily comics page.

Bowen Sees OK to Purchase Indy Building

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Gov. Otis R. Bowen said Friday he expects the State Budget Committee vote to become 3-2 for approval of a plan to spend $8.5 million to buy an Indianapolis insurance building for an Indiana Vocational Technical College institute.

The proposal to spend the 1978 legislative appropriation to buy the American United Life Insurance building on Fall Creek got a 2-2 vote in a meeting of the four lawmaker-members at Turkey Run State Park Thursday night. This had the effect of delaying the project since Budget Director John Huie was ill and could not cast the deciding vote.

At a news conference Friday, Bowen was asked if he had changed his mind

"No, it doesn't mean I have changed my mind," Bowen answered. "We have given the boards of trustees great leeway and I think that is where it belongs. The IVTC board of trustees has the authority to say where they want the institute. The Higher Education Commission has the authority to make sure all of the angles have been studied and all the alternatives have been studied."

Bowen said the IVTC trustees "know they have to live within that particular amount ($8.5 million) unless they go back to the legislature. We have stated we will abide by the board of trustees providing all alternativaes have been studied."

"As you know it was a poitical vote, two Democrats against and two Republicans for," the governor said. "I as-

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430 JOBS FILLED

People filing new applications for work numbered 784 during May, according to Evaline Yohler, manager of the Muncie office of the Indiana State Employment Service. Of these new applicants, 370 were women, 93 were veterans, 75 were minority group members and 127 were economically disadvantaged. The Employment Service provided vocational counseling for 247 job seekers and administered aptitude and proficiency tests to 163 applicants.

During this same period employers listed 625 openings with the office and 430 job placements were made. Of these placements, 176 were women, 82 were veterans and 43 were minority group members. Some 6 agricultural placements were made.

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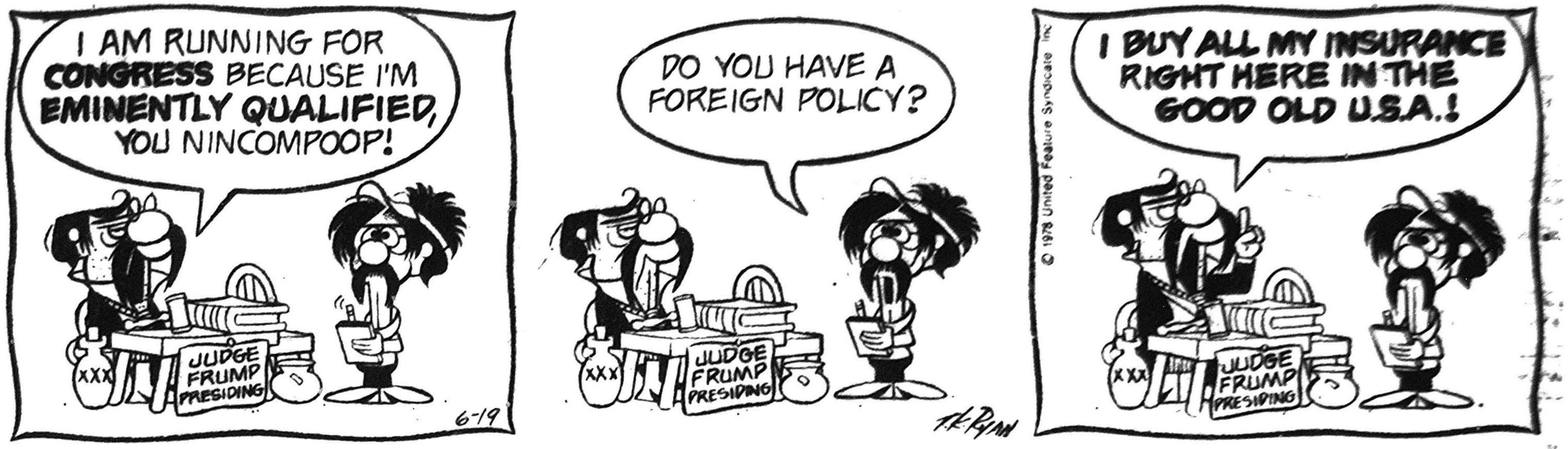
ELECTED PRESIDENT

David R. Bantz, vice president and treasurer of Muncie Federal Savings and Loan, was elected president of the Central Indiana chapter of the Financial managers Society for Savings Institu-

TUMBLEWEEDS



I AM RUNNING FOR CONGRESS BECAUSE I'M EMINENTLY QUALIFIED, YOU NINCOMPOOP!
XXX
JUDGE FRUMP PRESIDING
6-19
DO YOU HAVE A FOREIGN POLICY?
XXX
JUDGE FRUMP PRESIDING
T.K. RYAN
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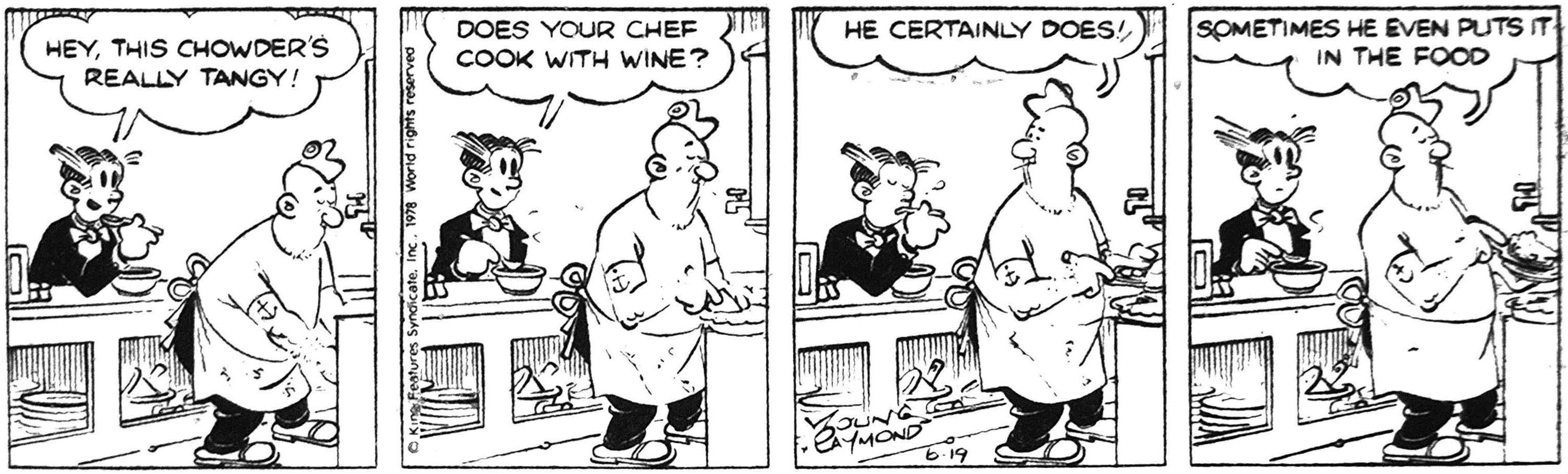
I BUY ALL MY INSURANCE RIGHT HERE IN THE GOOD OLD U.S.A.!
XXX
JUDGE FRUMP PRESIDING

BLONDIE



HEY, THIS CHOWDER'S REALLY TANGY!
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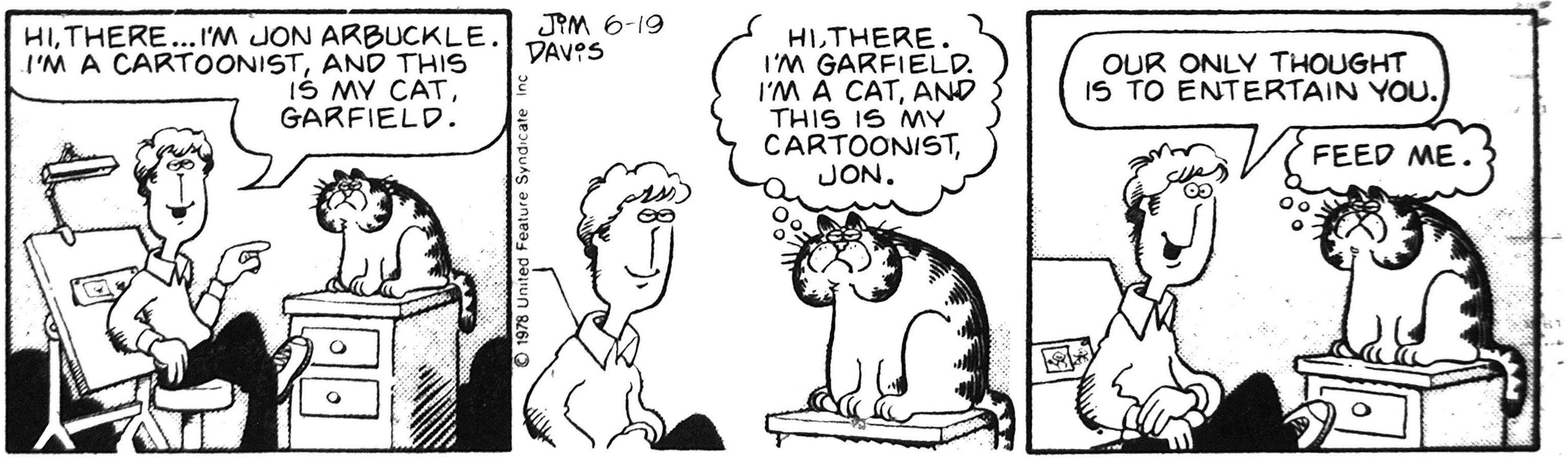
DOES YOUR CHEF COOK WITH WINE?
HE CERTAINLY DOES!
YOUNG RAYMOND 6-19
SOMETIMES HE EVEN PUTS IT IN THE FOOD

GARFIELD



HI, THERE... I'M JON ARBUCKLE. I'M A CARTOONIST, AND THIS IS MY CAT, GARFIELD.
JIM DAVIS 6-19
© 1978 United Feature Syndicate Inc
HI, THERE. I'M GARFIELD. I'M A CAT, AND THIS IS MY CARTOONIST, JON.
OUR ONLY THOUGHT IS TO ENTERTAIN YOU.
FEED ME.

© PAWS

THANKS, PENDLETON!

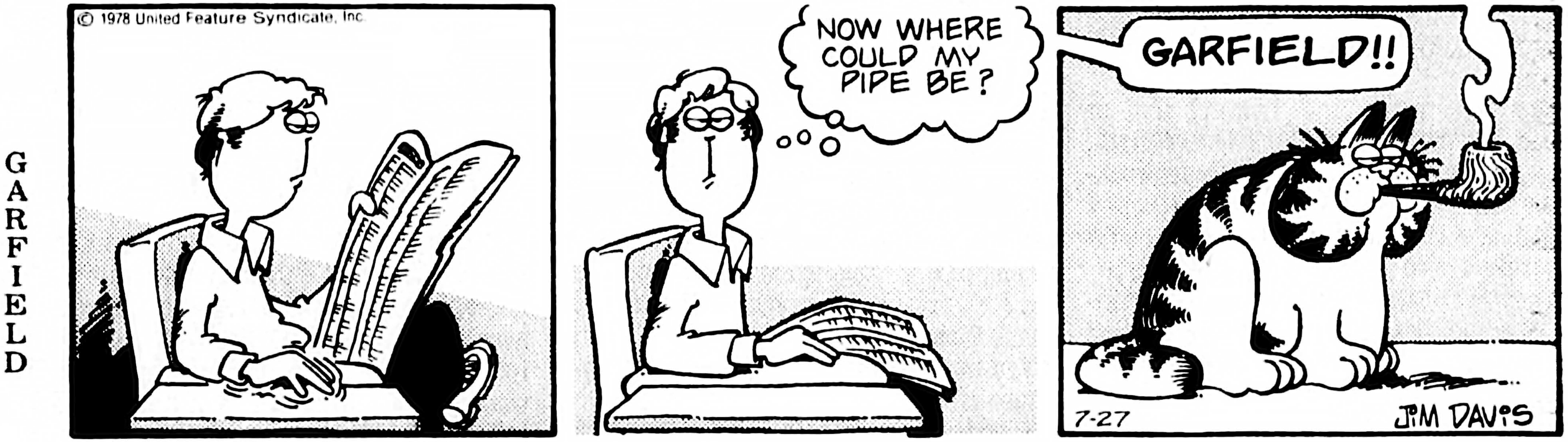
JIM DAVIS

BONUS: THE PIPE STRIP.

10/14/1976 VS 7/27/1978

Jon
NOW WHERE COULD MY PIPE BE?
GARFIELD!
JIM DAVIS

THE MUNCIE STAR, THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1978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